THE WEATHER.

Cloudy Tuesday, colder in southeast portion; Wednesday fair, moderate west winds.

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MORE FINANCIAL TROUBLE CHECKED

Huerta Issues Decree Making Several Legal Holidays.

MOVE TO PROTECT BANKS

Directors of the Bank of London and Mexico Are Examining Books of Company—Amounts Paid Depositors Limited.

Mexico City, Dec. 22.—The directors of the Bank of London and Mexico tonight began a careful scrutiny of the affairs of that institution and if their finding is endorsed by other bankers it is not improbable that assurances will be offered the directors which will enable a full resumption of the business of the institution. It is reasonably certain, however, that the bank will continue to avail itself of the decree of President Huerta issued today making the last ten days of the present year legal holidays.

With the possible exception of one other institution, it is believed that other banks than the Bank of London and Mexico will take advantage of the official edict, which authorizes financial institutions to do as little or as much business as they desire during what is regarded as a financial crisis. The Bank of London and Mexico was crowded to its capacity at the closing hour of business today by men and women who were trying to withdraw their deposits. The lines of depositors extended from inside the bank to the streets. The amounts paid depositors were limited to 200 pesos and no assurances were given that even this much would be given out in the future. The approximate amount withdrawn from the bank since depositors began demanding their money several days ago is said to exceed 17,000,000 pesos. Of this amount 14,000,000 pesos have been withdrawn since last Tuesday.

The Bank of London and Mexico has, in the various States, 12 branches, four of which were closed some time ago on account of local conditions. These were at Monterey, Torreon, Mazatlan and Durango. On a minor scale the condition of the remaining branches is similar to that of the parent institution, but all are taking advantage of President Huerta's decree which has been telegraphed to the various points where the branches are located.

Condition No Secret.

The critical position in which the Bank of London and Mexico was placed, has been no secret for some days to the other banks, and the suggestion was made on Saturday that President Huerta be requested to save the situation by making it possible for a bank legally to refuse payments for a period. The management demurred as it believed it could weather it out, but at the opening hour this morning it became evident that it could not, and the finance department was called upon for aid.

A decree was prepared and the search for the President was begun. He was located shortly before noon and affixed his signature without hesitation. An extra edition of El Diario Official was published, carrying the decree and with this posted conspicuously in and about the building the doors of the bank were opened early in the afternoon.

President Huerta's right to issue the decree was the result of the action of Congress prior to adjournment when it invested in him extraordinary power over three departments of government, including the Department of Finance. The decree recited that it was issued in accordance with this extraordinary power and that the holidays were decreed "on account of the difficult circumstances, in which the country finds itself and in order to

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TELEPHONIC DEVICE USED

In Mississippi Graft Case and Recorded State Senator Hobbs' Acceptance of a Bribe.

Vicksburg, Miss., Dec. 22.—Alleged records of a telephonic device were introduced today at the trial of State Senator G. A. Hobbs, to support charges that he was guilty of soliciting and accepting a bribe. These alleged records tended to substantiate the story told on the stand by Stephen Castleman, to the effect that he gave Hobbs $200 in return for the latter's promise to use his influence in favor of certain proposed legislation.

W. L. Douglas, who said he recorded conversations which occurred in a hotel between Hobbs and Castleman, read to the jury what purported to be notes then taken, according to these notes Castleman was willing to give a bribe and Hobbs was willing to receive it. Castleman testified that no money was passed in the room, but that he gave it to Hobbs in the lobby of the same hotel that same day.

W. L. Jones, manager of the hotel, testified that he cashed a check for $100 for Castleman when Hobbs was in the lobby and soon after saw Castleman hand Hobbs "something." He said he could not see what it was.

Several hours were consumed in the cross examination of Castleman. Efforts of defense lawyers to break down his story apparently met with little success.

The doctor won't need to call next day, if you give the kids Plummer's pure candies for Christmas.
(advertisement.)

MORE COMPANIES FOLLOWING SUIT

Library of Congress

Other Corporations Show Willingness to Dissolve.

INQUIRIES ABOUT THE LAW

President Says There Seems to be a General Tendency to Obey Dictates of Sherman Anti-Trust Act.

Washington, Dec. 22.—President Wilson let it be known today that some other corporations besides the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., had shown disposition to take the initiative in reorganizations to conform with the Sherman anti-trust law.

The President did not specify what corporations he referred to, though in infomal discussion of the subject with callers he spoke of having some in mind. He reiterated that there seemed to be a very general disposition to inquire what the law was, to know what would be expected of "big business" and a desire to comply with the spirit of the law.

Mr. Wilson made it clear that it would be the policy of his administration to co-operate in every way it legitimately could to bring about a satisfactory understanding of the law by the business men of the country and that the executive departments did not wish to raise barriers against those who wanted to obey the law. The President pointed out that the attorney general would co-operate and heartily desired and welcomed the impulse on the part of business to take the initiative.

The President indicated in his manner of discussion that he hoped the government had shown by example that the American Telephone & Telegraph settlement was what might be expected as the future course of his administration. He has been conferring with Congressional leaders on the anti-trust subject and will read a special message to Congress after he returns from his vacation in which he will point to the necessity of a rigid enforcement of the Sherman law and will endeavor to make clear the interpretation of that statute which the Department of Justice will follow:

A note of confidence that the business men of the country will co-operate with the government is securing a compliance with the Sherman law is expected to be sounded in the President's remarks. He will indicate the manner in which the administration will approach the subject and express his realization of the delicacy of the task and the necessity for cautious treatment of it because of its intimate relation to business conditions of the country.

Department of Justice officials declare that representatives of business concerns are calling daily to learn what they can or cannot do under the law.

While officials stated that prosecutions would not be discontinued where they were warranted, co-operation would be used wherever possible to secure observance of the law.

The department is at work on plans submitted by other corporations for friendly settlements. Just which ones they are was not divulged.

DELAYED A MONTH

Confirmation of Dortch and Webb Is Blocked

By Telegram From West Virginia Republican—Simmons Presented Bound Copy of Tariff Bill. Treasured.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—Senator Goff, of West Virginia, successfully blocked the confirmation of W. T. Dortch and Charles A. Webb, who have been nominated for marshals to succeed Dockery and Logan, when he sent a telegram to Washington today asking that these nominations be held up until his return to the city, which will be the latter part of next January. Judge Goff said he wanted to be heard before these confirmations were made, and of course, his request will be granted.

Out of deference to Senator Overman, who is the acting chairman, the Judiciary committee today paved the way for the confirmation of Webb and Dortch by making a favorable report to the Senate. But before an executive session could be called, a telegram was received from Goff protesting. This means at least a month's delay before the confirmations can be had. As nominations for judges and district attorneys cannot be reported from the committee until after a regular meeting of the committee, the same delay will apply to Judge Winston.

Judge Boyd today notified Senator Overman that he had appointed J. M. Baley to act as marshal for the West pending the confirmation of Webb. Baley was chief deputy to Marshal Logan.

Representative Godwin has secured a special examination for Luther McDaniels, of Maxton, for postoffice inspector. McDaniels is a railway mail clerk. Mr. Godwin has appointed J.

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REPRIMAND GIVEN CARABAO DINERS

President Addresses Letter to Garrison and Daniels.

COPIES SENT TO OFFICERS

Wilson Reminds Them of the High Standard They Must Uphold and of the Duty They Owe to Country They Serve.

Washington, Dec. 22.—President Wilson today made public a letter addressed to Secretaries Garrison and Daniels, respectively, requiring that "a very serious reprimand" be administered to army and navy officers who participated in the recent dinner of the Military Order of the Carabao, at which the administration's Philippine and other policies were satirized. The letter follows:

"The officers who were responsible for the programme of the evening are certainly deserving of a very serious reprimand which I hereby request be administered, and I cannot rid myself of a feeling of great disappointment that the general body of officers assembled at the dinner should have greeted the carrying out of such a programme with apparent indifference to the fact that it violated some of the most dignified and sacred traditions of the service.

"I am told that the songs and other amusements of the evening were intended and regarded as 'fun.' What are we to think of officers of the army and navy of the United States think it 'fun' to bring their official superiors into ridicule and the policies of the government which they are sworn to serve with unquestioning loyalty into contempt? If this is their idea of fun, what is their ideal of duty? If they do not hold their loyalty above all silly effervescences of childish wit, what about their profession they hold sayred?

"My purpose therefore is administering this reprimand is to recall the men who are responsible for this lowering of standards to their ideals; to remind them of the high conscience with which they ought to put duty above personal indulgence and to think of themselves as responsible men and trusted soldiers, even while they are amusing themselves as diners our.

"Sincerely yours,

"WOODROW WILSON."

Secretaries Give Orders.

Secretaries Garrison and Daniels decided to administer the reprimand by transmitting a copy of the President's letter to each member of the entertainment committee.

Secretary Garrison immediately sent this memorandum to Major Gen. Leonard Wood, chief of staff of the army:

"It is hereby ordered that the officers of the United States army who were on the dinner committee, and were therefore responsible for the programme of entertainment of the recent dinner of the Military Order of the Carabao, held December 11th, 1913, be reprimanded in pursuance of the communication of the President to me dated December 22nd, 1913, copy herewith. The form that the reprimand should take should be to furnish to each of said officers a copy of the letter from the President."

Secretary Daniels probably will issue a similar order tomorow, making the Presidential rebuke effective as far as navy officers are concerned.

The army members of the dinner committee who will receive copies of President Wilson's communication are Major Lawson M. Fuller, retired; Major Francis J. Koester. Capt. Warren Dean, Capt. Frank T. Hines Major James E. Normoyle, Major Edgar Russell, Brig. Gen. Frank McIntyre, and Col. H. O. S. Heistand.

It has not yet been determined whether the reprimand will be noted on the records of the respective officers but opinion tonight is that such notation will not be made.

ALIENISTS GIVE TESTIMONY

Professionals Take Stand in Schmidt Murder Trial in New York. Priest Abnormal.

New York, Dec. 22.—The profession alienists began their march to the witness stand today at the trial of Hans Schmidt for murder. After Dr. Smith Ely Jelliffe, of New York, had transferred for the defense, court adjourned early to enable Schmidt's attorneys to construct a hypothetical question which will be put to Dr. Jelliffe and other medical experts tomorrow.

Practically all Dr. Jelliffe's testimony indicated that Schmidt was abnormal. The witness said the priest complained to him that his bishops and fellow clergy "refused to acknowledge his authority."

The defendant excused his forgerers of the signature of his professor at Munich by saying "I was in high spirits and good health and I entered into the personality of the professor. I was the professor. So it was not wrong for me to sign his name."

Dr. Jelliffe asked Schmidt if he ever played the violin in a bath tub, as one of the former witnesses had testified. "I did," said Schmidt. "It was nobody's business. What an inspired man does, Heaven wishes him to do."

During one of his visits to Schmidt's cell, said Dr. Jelliffe, another physician who accompanied him pricked his forefinger with a needle and showed the prisoner a drop of blood. Instantly Schmidt's face became livid. "All blood is mine," he shouted, making a lunge for the physician's hand and trying to raise it to his lips.

LEWIS ADVOCATES GOVT. OWNERSHIP

Wants Postoffice Department to Operate Public Utilities

ORGANIZED PARCEL POST

Representative From Maryland Tells Congress What It Would Cost and Why He Thinks Government Should

Washington, Dec. 22.—Government ownership of the Nation's telephone lines would cost less than $900,000,000 and would present no greater difficulties of financing than did the Panama Canal, Representative Lewis, of Maryland, told the House today in an exhaustive analysis of his proposal to have those lines operated by the Postoffice Department.

Representative Lewis, who took a leading part in the establishment of the parcel post, and who has made a study with postomce officials of government ownership of the elertcical lines of communication, does not propose to have the government take over the telegraph companies. His plan is to have the government first own the telephonic network of the country, operate some of the telephone lines as telegraphs, as is now possible under modern mechanical conditions, and have the government system compete with the private telegraph companies at the outset in the same proportion as the parcel post now competes with the express companies.

With Postmaster General Burleson favoring the project for government ownership and a special committee of the postoffice department making a study of the subject, the possibility that a bill to that end will come before Congress this winter with administration backing, centered attention upon Representative Lewis' views on the subject, although his measure is his own and does not claim to represent the views of the postoffice authorities.

"The perversion of the lavs of public and private financiering," said Mr. Lewis, "by which public government have been disinherited of their normal functions, has led to such corruption and demoralization that cities like New York with its street railways, Philadelphia with its gas works and San Francisco with its telephones, have shamed the scions of Roman corruption in their most dishonorable days."

"Investigation discloses that our telegraphic rates are the highest among 20 countries. The result of these abnormal rates is that we rank but ninth as telegraph users. Against these conditions it appears that our postal rates average lower than other countries, and that the number of letters here is the highest in the world.

"The telegraph companies seem to be lacking in institutional economy or efficiency. The operation of sending a telegram is loaded down with 74 incidental services and processes not less than 50 of which would be replaced by affixing the postage stamp. The American inemciency is further exaggerated by the duplication of telegraph offices in all the important towns and cities and the denial of the service at many thousand necessary points.

"A stfiking feature is the discovery that the telegraph service is a relatively declining institution, and tnat it would be unwise now to postalize it alone and as a single service. To take over the telegraph lines alone and operate them merely as telegraph lines might result in postal bankruptcy. There would be no advantage in taking over the telegraph lines; the investigation makes this clear.

"But our toll and long distance rates compare with those of other countries even less favorably than do our telegraph rates. It is not unfair, or inaccurate, to say that the American interurban telephone rates are the scandal of pulic service rates the world over. The American telephone monopoly takes the 13th place only among 17 countries with regard to the lowness of these rates.

"The local rates of the Bell telephone monopoly are just twice the average charge in other countries," continued Mr. Lewis. "While our pos-

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OUTLINES

Representative Lewis,, of Maryland, made an address before Congress yesterday advocating the government ownership of public utilities. He was one of those who led the fight for the parcel post and help organize the same when it was instituted.

President Wilson addressed a letter to Secretaries Daniels and Garrison relative to the behavior of the officers of the army and navy at the dinner given by the Carabao Club some time ago. The officers taking part were seriously reprimanded by him in the letter. A copy of the letter was sent to all members of tne entertainment committee for the evening.

A telephonic device was used by the State when Senator Hobbs of Mississippi was offered and accepted a bribe. Records from the machine were introduced in court now trying Hobbs and Lieut. Gov. Bilbo for selling their influence.

Huerta issued a presidential decree making the next 60 days in Mexico legal holidays in order that the present run on banks, which caused the closing of the doors of the Bank of England and Mexico yesterday, might be checked.

New York markets: Money on call firm, 3 to 3 1-2; ruling rate 3 1-2; closing 3 1-4 to 3 3-8; time loans weaker. Wheat easy; No. 2 red 99 to 1.00 1-2. Corn easy 73 5-8. Flour dull. Rosin quiet. Turpentine quiet. Spot cotton quiet; middling uplands 12.60; middling gulf 12.75; no sales.

CONFERENCE REPORT PASSED BY CONGRESS AT EVENING SESSION

"Author and Finisher" of New Currency Bill.

By Vote of 298 to 60 Lower House Accepts Revised Bill and Sends It on to the Senate.

UPROARIOUS CHEERS FROM THE DEMOCRATS

Republicans, Progressives, and Independents Vote With Majority.

Senate Takes Up Discussion This Morning and Have Agreed to Vote on Question by 2:30 This Afternoon.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The House passed the conference report on the administration Currency bill at 10:45 o'clock tonight by a vote of 298 to 60, and sent the report to the Senate, which had waited in session to receive it before adjournment for the night.

Prolonged and uproarious cheers from the Democrats greeted the announcement of the vote by Speaker Clark, and many members of the House hastened over to the Senate to see the report reach there.

Early in the evening the Senate had agreed to vote not later than 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon and the leaders regarded it as certain that the completed bill would be in the hands of President Wilson for his signature before tomorrow night.

On the final vote 54 Republicans, 11 Progressives, and one independent, Kent, of California, voted with the majority for the report, and two Democrats, Calloway, of Texas, and Witherspoon, of Mississippi, joined the opposition.

Three Hour Debate.

The vote followed a debate of nearly three hours, during which the galleries remained crowded with spectators, including many prominent figures in official life. The House adjourned until 2:30 P. M. tomorrow, when the leaders hope to put through a joint resolution for a recess until January 12th.

The decision to take final vote on the conference report in the Senate not later than 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon was reached by unanimous consent just before 10 o'clock tonight. At the suggestion of Senator Gallinger, the Republican leader, Senator Owen agreed not to press the report for consideration tonight in return for an agreement to vote tomorrow. By unanimous consent it was agreed that the Senate should meet at 10 tomorrow morning, take up the report immediately and take a vote not later than 2:30 o'clock.

With this arrangement made, the Senate, just before 10 o'clock took a recess until 11:15 to await the arrival of the report from the House.

How Votes Were Cast.

Republican members of the House who voted for the report are: Barton, Burke, of South Dakota; Cooper, Cramton, Curry, Davis, Dillon, Esch, Farr, Frear, Haugen, Helgeson, Kelly, of Michigan; Keiss, Kinkaid, of Nebraska; Lafollette, Lindquist, Lenroot, Miller, Moss, of West Virginia; Nelson, Nolan, Norton, Sinnott, Sloan, J. M. C. Smith, of Michigan; Samuel Smith, of Michigan; Smith, of Minnesota; Stafford, Stevens, of Minnesota; Sutherland, Treadway, Young, of North Dakota; Manahan, Mapes, Stephens, of California; and Woodruff—37.

Progressives who voted for the report: Bell, of California; Bryan, of Washington; Chandler, Falconer, Hulings, Kelly, of Pennsylvania; Lafferty, Murdock, Temple, MacDonald, Thomson, of Illinois, and Rupley—12.

After the announcement of the vote a joint resolution propbsed by Majority Leader Underwood that the House recess upon adjournment tomorrow until January 12th, was adopted. This will be taken up in the Senate tomorrow.

Senator Owen announced that a separate bill to provide for guaranty of bank deposits would be considered in the near future. This had been intimated in debate by Chairman Glass, of the House Banking committee.

Beginning of Debate.

The report of the House and Senate conference committee perfected early today, did not reach the House until 6 o'clock tonight. Its formal reading there occupied more than an hour and it was 7:30 before debate was begun.

It was agreed to discuss the measure for two hours and 40 minutes, an hour and 20 minutes for the Democrats, an hour for the Republicans and 20 minutes for the Progressives.

Opening the discussion Representative Glass declared that the conferees had reported the original House bill back "without one single fundamental alteration."

In the meantime, Senator Owen had presented the agreement of the conferees to the Senate and that body, after ordering the report printed, recessed until 9 o'clock to await action by the House.

As the House had not been heard from at that hour, the Senate took another recess until 11:15, but agreed to vote on the report not later than 2:30 P. M. tomorrow.

Representative Glass' speech in the House reviewed the conference report in detail and defended the note provisions of the bill which had been

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GENERAL SUMMARY OF NEW CURRENCY BILL

Epitome of Salient Features of the Measure, as Finally Passed, Presented Succinctly and in Non-Technical Language—Act of Far-Reaching Import.

Washington, Dec. 27.—The new bill affecting the currency, banking and finances of the country, which both branches of Congress prepared to pass before adjournment tonight is one of the most far-reaching measures relating to finance that has been enacted in many years. The magnitude of the subject, the diversity of interests affected, and the length of the debates in both branches of Congress, has made it difficult for the ordinary observer to follow the changes and grasp the essentials of this highly technical measure in its important bearings on money, finance, banking and the entire range of fiscal subjects, public and private, which it affects. With a view, therefore, of presenting succinctly and in non-technical language, an epitome of the salient features of the measure as finally framed, the following summary is given of the bill as a whole and of its principal details.

First Steps to be Taken.

Generally speaking, the first steps to be taken to bring into operation the nation's new financial system will be through an organization committee consisting of the secretary of the Treasury, secretary of agriculture and comptroller of the currency. Banks have 60 days within which to file their applications for membership in the new system; and one year's time is allowed before the government will compel the dissolution of any national bank that refuses to join.

The new law will make little direct change in the operation of the present national banks, except to allow them to loan a certain amount of their funds upon farm mortgages. Its chief purpose is to add a new piece of machinery to the banking system that will "take up the slack" during the changing business conditions of each year; that will give the banks a place to quickly convert their assets into cash in time of need, and that will bring out new federal currency when it is needed, and retire it when money becomes "cheap."

Banks are now required to keep a certain percentage of their deposits as "reserves," part in cash in their own vaults and part of which may be redeposited in the banks of New York, Chicago, St. Louis and other designated cities. In times of sudden financial demands, when banks have loaned up to the full limit of their resources, these reserves furnish little relief, because if they are paid out to meet demands, the banks are left in a precarious condition.

Basic Principle New Law.

The basic principle of the new law is to get these reserve funds out into circulation when necessary, without lessening the safety of any bank; and to provide a place to which local banks may rush in a crisis and get cash for the "prime commercial paper" they hold in their vaults.

This is to be accomplished through a chain of Regional Reserve Banks, or "reservoirs of reserves," in which all banks shall deposit a stated part of the money they are required to hold as reserves. Under the new system, when a financial flurry comes, the banks can take commercial paper, such as notes, drafts and bills of exchange, to these "reservoirs," and secure the use of their own reserves, or if necessary even the reserve of other banks, by depositing this security.

The new Regional Banks will receive about one-half of the bank reserves of the country. They, in turn, will be permitted to loan back to the banks all but 35 per cent of these reserves, so that in case of emergency, millions of cash can be brought out into circulation quickly. The banks will have to pay for these loans, however, as individuals have to pay for a loan from any local bank; and this charge is expected to prevent the toofree use of the reserves held by the Regional Banks.

New Form of Paper Currency.

A new form of paper currency is also provided for, to come out in case of emergency, and which is expected to go back into the hanks of the government when times are normal. These "treasury notes" will be printed by the government, and issued through each Regional Reserve Bank, and will bear the guarantee both of the Regional Bank and the Government.

If the demand for currency in any section of the country exceeds the supply of circulating money, a Regional Bank can secure this new money from the Government and put it into circulation; but a gold reserve of 40 per cent, and commercial paper equal to the full value of the note, must be held as a reserve behind each note so issued. This provision is expected to be the influence that will drive

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GENERAL SUMMARY

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the new money back into retirement when it is no longer needed.

Analysis of New Law.

The following analysis presents the details of the new law without adhering closely to the technical division or language of the measure.

At the head of the system will stand a Federal Reserve Board at Washington, appointed by the President, and to consist of the Secretary of the Treasury, the Comptroller of the currency and five other members. Two of these shall be expert bankers, but none shall have banking affiliations or own bank stock during their service. This board will exercise general control over the entire system.

The temporary "organization committee," or the Fedeal Reserve Board will select from eight to twelve cities where Regional Reserve Banks shall be located, and will divide the entire country geographically with these cities as the centers of districts. All National Banks in a district will be required to subscribe for the stock of the Regional Reserve Bank in that district, and to keep a portion of their reserves there.

Different Classes of Banks.

Local banks will be known as "member-banks," because they will own the stock of the Regional Reserve Bank of their district. Each member-bank will be required to take capital stock of the Regional Reserve Bank, equal to 6 per cent of the member-bank's capital and surplus. The capital of the Regional Bank will increase or decrease so that it always represents 6 per cent of the combined capital and surplus of all the banks of the district that have joined the system.

National banks are compelled to join, and state banks are permitted to if they bring their reserve requirements up to the standard set for national banks, and submit to national examinations.

Public ownership of the stock of the Regional Reserve Banks is permitted only in case enough banks do not join in any district to provide a capital stock of $4,000,000. In such event the public may purchase the stock in quantities limited to $25,000 for each individual; but the voting of this stock will be placed in the hands of government representatives on the board of directors of the Regional Reserve Bank.

Open Market Operations.

The Regional Reserve Banks may do business only with their member-banks, not with the public, except that certain "open-market operations" such as the purchase and sale of gold, government or municipal bonds, and certain forms of bills of exchange, are permitted. These banks will make their earnings from the loans made to member banks, and form the purchase and sale of bonds and foreign bills of exchange.

Member-banks will be compelled to put up in cash only one-half of their subscription to the capital of the new banks; the rest can be called for if needed by the Regional Bank. Dividends of 6 per cent will be paid on this stock to the member-banks, and the stock will be nontaxable. After these dividends are paid, one-half of the surplus net earnings goes to create a Regional surplus fund, and when this has reached 40 per cent of the Regional Bank's paid-in capital, these earnings are to go into the United States Treasury. The balance of the net earnings are to be paid to the United States as a franchise tax.

Transfer of Reserves.

With the machinery thus created for a new banking system that is supplementary to the commercial banks of the country, the law provides for a gradual transfer of part of the bank reserves to these new "reservoir" banks. In order not to disturb business conditions, or to withdraw too suddenly the heavy deposits of country banks in the large cities, the law provides that three years may be consumed in shifting these balances, and that if necessary, part of the reserves tranferred to the Regional Banks may consist of commercial paper.

Reserves—Where Kept.

The amount of reserve required from every bank under the new law, and the place where it must be kept, are as follows:

Country banks; Total reserve required, 12 per cent of demand deposits and five per cent of time deposits. Five twelfths must be kept in the bank's vaults for two years and four twelfths after that time. For the first year, two-twelfths must be kept in the regional bank, increasing one-twelfth each six months thereafter until it reaches five twelfths of the total reserve. For three years the unallotted part of the reserves may be kept in the banks of reserve cities, after that time it must be kept either in the counthy bank's vaults or in the regional reserve bank.

"Reserve city banks: Total reserve required, 15 per cent of demand and five per cent of time deposits. Six fifteenths must be kept in the bank's vaults for the first two years and five fifteenths after that time. Three fifteenths must be kept in the regional reserve bank for the first year, increasing one-fifteenth every six months thereafter until it reaches six fifteenths. For three years the unallotted portion of the reserve may be kept in other banks, in its own vaults or in the regional banks, after that time in one of the latter two places."

Central reserve city banks (New York, Chicago and St. Louis:) Total reserve required, 18 per cent of demand, and five per cent of time deposits. Six-eighteenths must be kept in the bank's own vaults; three-eighteenths in the Regional Reserve bank for the first six months, and six-eighteenths thereafter. After six months the remaining six-eighteenths may be kept in the bank's own vaults, or in the Regional Reserve Bank.

These immense funds of reserves from "member-banks," together with government money, will make up the deposits of the Regional Reserve banks. Each of these banks will be administered by a board of nine directors, six of whom will be elected by the banks, and three appointed by the Federal Reserve Board.

The Regional Reserve banks may rediscount—that is, buy at a discount from its member banks—"prime commercial paper," when the member-banks desire to convert these assets into money. The exact terms of this important provision as to the character of paper upon which the Regional Reserve Banks may furnish cash are as follows:

"Upon the indorsement of any of its member banks, with a waiver of demand notice and protest by such bank, any Federal (Regional) Reserve bank may discount notes, drafts and bills of exchange arising out of actual commercial transactions; that is notes, drafts, and bills of exchange issued or drawn for agricultural, industrial or commercial purposes, or the proceeds of which have been used, or are to be used, for such purposes, the Federal Reserve Board to have the right to determine or define the character of the paper thus eligible for discount, within the meaning of this act.

Agricultural Products.

"Nothing in this act contained shall be construed to prohibit such notes, drafts and bills of exchange, secured by staple agricultural products, or other goods, wares or merchandise from being eligible for such discount; but such definition shall not include notes, drafts or bills covering merely investments or issued or drawn for the purpose of carrying or trading in stocks, bonds or other investment securities, except bonds and notes of the Government of the United States.

"Notes, drafts and bills admitted to discount under the terms of this paragraph must have a maturity at the time of discount of not more than 90 days: Provided, that notes, drafts and bills drawn or issued for agricultural purposes or based on live stock and having a maturity not exceeding six months may be discounted in an amount to be limited to a percentage of the capital of the Federal (Regional) Reserve bank, to be ascertained and fixed by the Federal Reserve Board."

The Regional banks may also discount "acceptances based on the importation or exportation of goods."

New Treasury Notes.

The new treasury notes, which are to furnish the "elastic" element in the currency system, and to add to the country's circulating money in time of need, will come into use in the following way:

The notes will be printed by the government, with a distinctive style for each Regional Reserve bank. One of the three directors named by the Federal Reserve Board for each Regional bank will be known as the "Federal Reserve agent" for that bank, and a supply of the notes will be placed in his custody.

Should a Regional Bank desire to pay more money than its cash resources will permit, the law provides that it may put some of its rediscounted commercial paper into the hands of the "Federal Reserve agent," and receive in return the new treasury notes. For each note that it puts out into circulation, the Regional Reserve bank must set aside in gold 40 per cent of the value of the note, as a guarantee for its redemption. This gold, with the commercial paper held by the "Federal Reserve Agent," is the protection behind the new money; but those notes will also be guaranteed by the government, and may be redeemed in gold at the United States Treasury.

Each Regional bank, under the act, must keep a reserve of 35 per cent of the deposits it has received, besides the 40 per cent gold reserve behind the Treasury notes it issues. If the gold reserve behind the notes falls below 40 per cent, a heavy tax is imposed on the bank, which in turn adds the tax to the rate it charges member banks for rediscounts. This was designed to stop an over-expansion of currency. In times of sudden stress, the Federal Reserve Board can suspend these reserve provisions, in order to furnish quick relief to any community.

One Regional bank cannot again pay out the notes of another, except under a heavy tax. These notes are expected to return to the Regional Banks and be withdrawn from circulation when the need for their use passes.

None of the existing forms of currency, except the National bank notes will be disturbed by the new law. The United States bonds now used to secure the issue of National Bank notes to be taken up at the rate of $25,000,000 a year by the regional reserve banks and new treasury bank currency is expected gradually to retire.

Final Control of Operations.

The Federal Reserve Board will exercise final control over the entire operation of the system. It can compel one Regional Bank to loan to another in time of need; can suspend all restrictions surrounding the reserves which Regional banks must hold; and can remove directors of Regional Reserve banks whenever it is believed necessary.

While the banks retain control of the board of the Regional Reserve banks, their connection with the Federal Reserve Board is only through an Advisory Council, made up of one representative from each Federal Reserve district. This council will meet in Washington, to confer with the Federal Reserve Board "on general business conditions," and to make recommendations and suggestions concerning discount rates, note issues and reserve conditions.

National Banking Methods Changed

An important change in national banking methods, embraced in the new law, will permit all national banks except those in New York, Chicago and St. Louis, to make direct loans on five-year farm mortgages, up to 25 per cent of their capital and surplus, or up to one-third of their time deposits. Another provision in the law permits national banks having a capital of $1,000,000 or more, to open foreign branches. Similar authority is given to the Regional Reserve Banks, the purpose being to facilitate the development of American trade abroad.

POSTMASTERS NOMINATED.

L. G. Daniels, Newbern, and A. M. Sanders, Smithfield.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—The President sent to the Senate late tonight the following nominations: Postmasters—R. S. Montgomery, at Reidsville; John R. Swann, at Marshall; W. A. Gibson, at Bryson-City. L. G. Daniels, at Newbern, and A. M. Sanders, at Smithfield. They will probably be confirmed tomorrow.

CONTINUES THE QUARANTINE

On Potatoes Imported from Foreign Countries—Fighting Vegatable Diseases That Way.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Secretary Houston issued an order continuing the quarantine put temporarily into effect September 20th last forbidding potato importations from the British Isles, Canada, and all continental Europe. This action was modified, however, by a second order under which the quarantine may be raised under proper regulation and inspection from foreign counties or districts which can show that they are free from potato wart and powdery scab, the two diseases which the department of agriculture aims to keep out of the country. The first order becomes effective December 24th but will admit until January 15th next. Potatoes covered by consular invoices issued on or before Wednesday next. The second becomes effective January 15th next.

Representatives of various countries affected appeared at hearings recently held at the department and protested against the quarantine.

In the case of certain provinces in Canada and certain countries and districts of Europe the officials here believe the absolute prohibition can be lifted in time to allow the movement of the present year's crop, under regulation and inspection, which, under the Secretary's order is similar to that for nursery stock.

In a statement accompanying the orders the department announced that "the present potato excitement is apparently due to a misunderstanding of the yield of this year. The Department experts estimate the crop at 331,525,000 bushels, which, the statement says, "is considerably above the ten year average and exceeds the annual food and planting consumption of potatoes in the United States." The present supply in farmers' hands is large.

LOCAL DOTS.

—Mr. J. H. Hinton was arrested yesterday afternoon by Policeman H. G. Bullard on a charge of speeding. He was recognized for his appearance before the Recorder.

—The regular monthly meeting of the Yoke Fellows Band of the Y. M. C. A. was held in the club room last night. Routine matters were transacted and several new appointments discussed.

—The special Christmas service at Immanuel Presbyterian church Sunday night was most appropriate and was attended by a large congregation. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

—A false fire alarm was turned in from box No. 21, to the fire department last night at 6:40 o'clock. The firemen were on the alert and within three minutes were on the scene. It is not known who turned in the alarm.

—The Tidewater Power Company announces that on Wednesday the cars on the suburban line will run every 30 minutes between Wilmington and Wrightsville from 2 P. M. to 10 P. M. The last car will leave Wilmington at 12:30 Christmas morning.

—Mr. C. W. B. Korb and Miss Emma Lord, of this city, were married Saturday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock in the church of the Good Shepherd, the rector, Rev. Thos. P. Noe, officiating. There were only a few intimate friends present.

—Ernest Miller, colored, had a hearing yesterday before Justice Harriss, on a charge of abandonment and nonsupport of wife and family. Probable cause was found and the case sent to the Recorder. In default of bond he went to jail.

—Mr. Chas. Lesesne, of East Arcadia, and Miss Elizabeth Butler, of Acme, were married here Sunday at the home of Rev. J. A. Sullivan, who officiated. The ceremony was attended by only a few friends of the young people, who left immediately for their future home at Acme.

BUSY DAY AT POSTOFFICE.

Parcel Post Business Greater Than Expected.

Yesterday was the busiest day of the holiday season thus far at the postoffice, the rush of incoming and outbound mail proving considerably greater than had been expected by Postmaster Green and his assistants. During the day 261 canvas mail pouches were filled with parcel post packages and dispatched, in addition to the first class and other mail, and the inbound business required the united services of the large staff of carriers, in addition to an automobile truck, one two-horse wagon and two single wagons.

However, everything went on smoothly under the system that the postmaster and his helpers have worked out to meet the demands of the holiday business, and when the office was closed for the day, everything had been handled as scheduled and the office was ready to begin a new day unhandicapped by anything left over. Today and tomorrow will likely run even heavier than the past day at the postoffice.

How to Make the Best Cough Remedy at Home

A Family Supply at Small Cost, and Fully Guaranteed.

Make a plain syrup by mixing one pint of granulated sugar and ½ pint of warm water and stir for 2 minutes. Put 2½ ounces of pure Pinex (fifty cents' worth) in a pint bottle, and fill it up with the Sugar Syrup. This gives you a family supply of the best cough syrup at a saving of $2. It never spoils. Take a teaspoonful every one, two or three hours.

The effectiveness of this simple remedy is surprising. It seems to take hold almost instantly, and will usually conquer an ordinary cough in 24 hours. It tones up the jaded appetite and is just laxative enough to be helpful in a cough, and has a pleasing taste. Also excellent for bronchial trouble, bronchial asthma, whooping cough and spasmodic croup.

This method of making cough remedy with Pinex and Sugar Syrup (or strained honey) is now used in more homes than any other cough syrup. This explains why it is often imitated, though never successfully. If you try it, use only genuine Pinex, which is a most valuable concentrated compound of Norway white pine extract, and is rich in guaiacol and other natural healing pine elements. Other preparations will not work in this combination.

A guaranty of absolute satisfaction, or money promptly refunded, goes with this preparation. Your druggist has Pinex, or will get it for you. If not, send to The Pinex Co., Ft. Wayne, Ind

POSTAL SAVINGS BANK IS TO BE BOOSTED.

Hard Task for Department to Teach Economy to People.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Difficulties experienced by postal officials in teaching the people to "save and economize" are set forth by Third Assistant Postmaster General Dockery in his annual report, made public tonight. To minimize this problem, Mr. Dockery recommends the inauguration of a campaign of education by which the people may be brought into closer touch with the postal savings service.

The fundamental purpose of the negotiation is to "create a spontaneous desire to save and economize". Already the department has called upon its depository postmasters to further such a movement.

A statement, showing the growth of the postal saving system is contained in the report. At the close of the first six months of operation there were 11,918 depositors with $677,145 placed to their credit. In June 30th, 1913, at the close of two and a half years, there were 331,006 depositors with $33,818,870 to their credit.

The use of the parcel post service as a ready, cheap and efficient means of transportation has been realized by the people and they have accepted it as their utility agent, Mr. Dockery asserts. By it, the report concludes, the consumer is placed in direct touch with the farmer and producer whose products are now laid at his door for the lowest possible price and the way to the lowering of high cost of living is opened.

New York, Dec. 22.—Harvard and Princeton today won honors over Columbia and Yale in the first round of the 22nd annual inter-collegiate chess tournament. Harvard won from Columbia, the winner of the championship last year, three games to one, and Princeton defeated the Yale players 2 1-2 points to one-half.

All of the Santa Claus' will head this way for their sweetmeats. Plummers. Prettiest Christmas (too much in town. Come and see. advertisement.

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Pimples, blackheads, rashes, ringworm and, worst of all, that red, itching, scaly torment, eczema, vanish when you use Resinol Ointment and Resinol Soap. Even though your skin is so unsightly with eruption that you shun your friends and your friends shun you, Resinol is almost sure to make it clear and healthy, quickly, easily and at trifling cost. When you are tired of wasting time and money on tedious expensive treatments, get Resinol Ointment and Resinol Soap from the nearest druggist and you will quickly see why it has been prescribed for eighteen years for just such troubles as yours.

The Resinol treatment works so gently, and is so absolutely free from anything that could injure even the tenderest skin, that it is especially valuable for healing the skin troubles of infants and children. You can test Resinol Ointment and Resinol Soap at our expense. Write to Dept. 2-M, Resinol, Baltimore, Md., for generous trial.

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"SPUGS" is a Society for the Prevention of Giving Useless Presents.

"Be a Spug"

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Aluminum Universal Coffee Machines & Percolators, $2.50 to $11.75.
Aluminum Ware.
Boker Pen Knives, (In individual cases)
Boys' Axes, 75c.
Bird Cages, Brass, 1.00 and $1.50.
Blank Cartridges.
Brass Cuspidors, 50c and $1.00.
Brass Fire Dogs, $5.00 to $7.50.
Brass Hd. Fire Sets.
Brass Jardenieres, $1.50 to $2.50.
Cake Chests, Extra fine, $2.00 and $3.00.
Stag Carving Sets.
Ivory Carving Sets.
Pearl Carving Sets. ..In beautiful satin lined cases, $2.50 to $12.00 a set.
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GUNS—Light 4-lb. double-barrels guns for boys. Our special Hammerless at $15.00; single barrel breechloaders 12, 16, 20 and 28 ga. at $4.00 to $8.00.
Oil Stoves.
Oil Heaters.
Pop Guns, 25c.
Pen Knives.
PERCOLATORS—Universal.
Razors—1 pair in Morocco case.
Razor Hones.
Razor Strops.
Refrigerators.
Revolvers.
RIFLES—Hamilton, 1.50.
RIFLES—Air, shoots shot—25c, 75c, $1, $1.25 and $2.00. "Little Scout" $1.75
Repeating Rifles, 15-shot $6.50 to $12.00.
ROASTERS—Savory Nickle plated, blue and white, all steel
Safety Razors.
Shaving Sets.
SCISSORS SETS—Some beauties at $1.50 to $3.50.
Silver plated Knives and Forks.
MANICURE SETS—(Real Bargains) for men and women at $2.50 to $7.50.
Loaded Shells.
Leggings.
Silver plated Sugar Shells.
Silver plated Butter Knives.
Silverplated Children's Sets, Knives and Folks, best grades and latest patterns.
Table Knives.
Thermometers.
Thermos Bottles, $1.00 to $5.00.
Thermos Carafes, $3.50 to $6.00.
Thermos School Kits, $3.50.
Thermos Workman's Kits, $2.00.
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Christmas Gifts Galore

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY of New Hanover.—In the Superior Court, October Term, A. D. 1913.

M. W. Divine, M. J. Corbett and C. C. Chadbourn, vs. Carter's Creek Fish Guano Company—Advertisement.

Whereas, at the October Term, A. D. 1913, of the Superior Court of New Hanover County, in a cause pending wherein M. W. Divine, M. J. Corbett and C. C. Chadbourn were plaintiffs and Carter's Creek Fish Guano Company defendants, a judgment or decree was entered in said cause, appointing the undersigned Commissioner, and in and by said decree the undersigned, as Commissioner, was authorized and directed, after advertising the same for thirty days, to sell at public auction the following described property, to-wit: Six Hundred (600) Shares of the Capital Stock of the Ocean Fisheries Company and the indebtedness due by the Ocean Fisheries Company, amounting to the sum of Twenty-Six Thousand, One Hundred and Four and 93-100 ($26,104.93) Dollars to the Carter's Creek Fish Guano Company, together with the rights of the Carter's Creek Fish Guano Company against the Ocean Fisheries Company, on said indebtedness;

Now, Therefore, in pursuance to the said decree, the undersigned Commissioner will, on Tuesday, the 30th day of December, A. D. 1913, at 12 o'clock M., on said day, at the Court House door, expose for sale by public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, the above-described property.

E. K. BRYAN, Commissioner.

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NOTICE.

$25.00 reward will be paid for evidence to convict any person or corporation who sets fire that burns any of my lands in this or any other county in this State.

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SELMA COMPANY ACCEPTED

Takes Place of Rocky Mount Company in National Guard—Wasting Money on "Movies" Scored.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 22.—Selma takes the place of Rocky Mount with a Company C, in the Second regiment, North Carolina National Guard. The Rocky Mount company was disbanded a few weeks ago for failure to measure up to the required standards. Adjutant General Young today issued an order for a new Company C, Second regiment, to be mustered in at Selma tomorrow, Tuesday, night. Col. W. C. Rodman is designated as the officer to muster in the new company.

Wasting Money on "Movies."

In the course of a sermon Sunday morning at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Dr. J. McK. Pittinger, the rector, on "The Holy Life," as the great King's Highway of the Christian world, took occasion to score the growing habit of people the country over of wasting money on moving picture shows. He declared it a lamentable fact that during the past year there was spent in this country on "movies" the enormous sum of $319,000,000 compared with only $15,000,000 contributed to the cause of Christian missions.

New Banker in Raleigh.

Mr. R. G. Allen, now of Louisburg, is to make his home in Raleigh early in the New Year. He is a banker of recognized ability and is to open a new bank here. It will be located close to the new city market that is being erected at the corner of Martin and Blount streets.

TEMPORARY RECEIVER FOR TARBORO COTTON FACTORY.

Appointed by Judge Connor on Petition Minority Stockholders.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Tarboro, N. C., Dec. 22.—Through the action of the minority stockholders, Judge G. W. Connor today issued a restraining order preventing any sale of the Tarboro cotton factory and appointed Mr. Haywood Foxhall temporary receiver, naming January 8th as the time for a hearing in the matter. Jointly notices were sent to the stockholders stating that an offer had been made for the purchase of this plant, the offer being $150,000, while the indebtedness of the plant, including a bond issue of $100,000, is about $165,000.

The Tarboro cotton factory was organized in 1888 by the late W. E. Fountain, and Mr. O. C. Farrar was the first president. For 15 years dividends ranging from 8 to 10 per cent were paid annually and in 1890 when the second mill was erected the company had a surplus of $65,000. For the last five years it has been operated at a loss.

The present capitalization is $250,000. It is one of the largest cotton mills in Eastern Carolina and the stock is held almost entirely by local people.

FOR NEW REFORM SCHOOL.

Kinston Negroes Waging Campaign to Raise $6,000.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 22.—Local negroes have begun a campaign to raise $6,000 to complete a fund to establish a reform school for the race near here. The institution, for which part of the necessary money has been donated, will be State-wide in its activities and will have as its object the education and reformation of indigent negro boys.

A plea is advanced by the president of the organization furthering the school that "the colored people in North Carolina, especially the orphan children, are in the majority ignorant." He further states that they are "wanting in morals, lacking in trades and power to be free in action, and from them comes a silent appeal to a generous public." It is hoped to raise the money during 1914, and construct the buildings for the institution in the following year.

CANADIAN SHIP ENDANGERED.

Forced to Heave to in Terrific Storm That Swept Ocean.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 22.—With huge seas sweeping over her and threatening to wreck her deck fittings and cabins, the big Canadian Pacific steamer Monteagle, Capt. Hailey, had to be hove-to in mid-Pacific on her present outward voyage from Vancouver to Hong Kong, according to word brought in by the Empress of Asia late yesterday.

While the Empress was reeling off 18 1-2 knots an hour, a wireless message was received from the Monteagle saying that she was hove-to in latitude 53 north and longitude 160 west, with a howling westerly gale raging and a terrific sea sweeping over her.

The Monteagle ran into stormy weather as soon as she passed outside Cape Flattery. Southeast gales battered the ship and disagreeable conditions reached their height when the liner was in mid-Pacific. The ship was hove to for about 24 hours when the storm subsided somewhat and enabled her to proceed at slow speed.

W. O. SAUNDERS THRASHED.

Editor Writes Something That Stirs Citizen's Ire.

Elizabeth City, Jan. 22.—Charles O. Robinson, one or Elizabeth City's prominent citizens, walked into the office of W. O. Saunders, editor of the Independent, Saturday afternoon, and after a few words with Mr. Saunders, gave him a thrashing, badly bruising his face.

Editor Saunders printed an article in last week's issue of the Independent concerning the street costume of a society lady. Mr. Robinson construed the article to refer to his wife. He asked Mr. Saunders if he had her in mind when he wrote it. Saunders gave him an evasive reply and ordered him out of the office. It was then that Mr. Robinson struck him several times in the face hitting him so rapidly and so hard that Mr. Saunders did not get a chance to return the blows.

BURGLARS AT MT. GILEAD.

Post Office Robbed of $1,000 Cash and Stamps.

Mt. Gilead, Dec. 22.—Burglars entered the postoffice here some time Saturday night and stole $700 worth of stamps and $300 in cash. The burglary was discovered early Sunday morning when the office was opened, and was supposed to have been committed some time between midnight and 4 o'clock in the morning.

The prettiest store in town. You will certainly miss something if you do not visit there during the holidays. Plummer's, 219 North Front. (advertisement.)

Christmas slippers, al kinds, at Peterson & Rulfs. (advertisement.) de 19-21-23

CAPT. CHARLES KENNEDY DEAD.

One of Fayetteville's Most Venerable Citizens Passes.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 22.—Capt. Charles Kennedy, who was stricken with a mortal illness on the streets on the afternoon of December 13th, died at his home on Moore street Friday evening at 6 o'clock, and his remains were buried with Masonic and military honors from the First Baptist church at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Mr. Kennedy was formerly captain of the Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry, and that body attended his funeral, together with Phoenix Lodge of Masons, of which the deceased was one of the most devoted members.

Mr. Kennedy was a printer by trade, having been apprenticed when a boy to the elder E. J. Hale, publisher of the Fayetteville Observer, and was practically all his active life in the service of The Observer, the only lapse being when he served in the Confederate army and while he worked on the North Carolina Presbyterian at Wilmington and Peter M. Hale's "Hale's Weekly," at Raleigh. He was at one time a town commissioner. He was 80 years old at the time of his death. His wife and eight children survive him, the children being Messrs. E. J. Kennedy and J. L. Kennedy, of Fayetteville; C. W. Kennedy, of Fort Myers, Fla.; and W. V. Kennedy, of Bessemer, Ala.; Mrs. Maggie Bristow and Mrs. W. H. Hubbard, of McColl, S. C.; Mrs. Talbot McLaurin, of Clio, S. C., and Mrs. J. D. Breece, of Fayetteville.

FIVE ASSAULT ONE.

Young Men of Lenoir County Fined in Court.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 22.—Five young men of the neighborhood of the Caswell Cotton Mill, in the eastern end of the city, were fined in the municipal court for an assault upon Kelly Alexander, of the county. Alexander drove into the city to visit a girl near the mill. At the conclusion of his visit the swain was waited upon by the five and told that he would be given three minutes to leave the vicinity. He was willing to comply, apparently, but about the time he was well under way a wheel came off his buggy. The tap was gone. When the three minutes had expired the delegation "commenced firing" and an uncomfortable period for young Alexander followed. He escaped injury fortunately, but only by hastening from the locality.

R. L. Johnson, of the same section of the county as Alexander, was the victim of unscrupulous youths of another mill settlement. He also was courting a young woman here. Johnson's buggy harness was cut to pieces and he was required to stay in town over night. Country lads, in revenge, cut to pieces bicycle tires belonging to Clay Stroud and John Baker, young men who went from Kinston to Woodington to attend a rural entertainment.

CAPT. DAVID JONES DEAD.

Was for 35 Years in the Service of the C. F. & Y. V.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 22.—Capt. David Jones, of this city, died at the Cumberland General Hospital at 12:50 o'clock Sunday afternoon, following an illness of three months' duration. Capt. Jones had been in poor health for a couple of years. He was one of the pioneer railroad men of this section, one of the men who helped to make railroads pay when the industry was in its infancy.

For 35 years he worked for the old Western Railroad, later the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley, serving as engineer and conductor with the Western road and as conductor when it was changed to the C. F. & Y. V. His two oldest sons are railroad men who have achieved success in the transportation department, Burwell Jones, of this city, being one of the Atlantic Coast Line's best known conductors, and George C. Jones, of Florence, S. C., being a Coast Line engineer. The other sons, who with his wife, Mrs. Sarah E. Jones, survive him, are D. H. Jones, superintendent of the Victory cotton mills; Alderman R. C. Jones, C. L. Jones and J. D. Jones, all of this city.

DECIDED ON SITE.

For New School Building at Wilson. Other Notes.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 22.—The Wilson graded school trustees have finally decided on the site for the new school building and a plat of over two acres of land at the corner of Deans and Kenan streets has been secured at a reasonable figure. The school improvement bonds amounting to $30,000 will be placed on the market at once. Tentative plans for the new building are being considered.

Cely Ellis, a negro woman, was shot and killed last Friday night near Stantonsburg. Walter Jones, the son-in-law of the murdered woman, has been arrested as result of the examination held by the coroner and is in jail. It is charged that Jones had been arrested some time ago at the instance of the dead woman and had threatened to get even.

The store of Mr. George Barnes at Elm City was broken into recently and among other articles stolen were four breech-loading shotguns. The guns were found in the woods near Elm City yesterday and identified by Mr. Barnes. There is no clue to the burglars.

BUSINESS GOOD AT WILSON.

Citizens Determined That There Shall be no Empty Stockings.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 22.—It is the determination of Wilsonians that there shall be no "empty stockings" in this town Christmas. The united efforts of the Associated Charities, the various churches and other benevolent societies will result in a "merry Christmas and Happy New Year" in every home of the community. There is very little real destitution in this section, but every case is being prepared for and will have personal attention.

Merchants report a growing volume of business and the last week of the year marks a decided advance over all previous years in all mercantile lines. Many of the merchants report doubled sales through the year. The tremendous tobacco crop of the county largely offset the falling off in cotton production and this with the many side crops of the county has had much to do with the prosperous condition of the people.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c. (advertisement.)

The finest and purest candies bought from the cleanest and prettiest store in town. That's Plummer's Make us prove it. (advertisement.)

Christmas slippers, all kinds, at Peterson & Rulfs. (advertisement.) de 19-21-23.

OLD MAN ROASTED ALIVE.

Robert E. Lee Perished in House at Haw River.

Haw River, N. C., Dec. 22.—One life and property worth about $2,000 was destroyed by fire near here Saturday night, when Robert E. Lee, caretaker for Joseph B. Sellars, was burned in the farm house which he was employed to guard.

Saturday night about 9 o'clock neighbors were attracted by a light in the sky. When they reached the Sellars place the house was wrapped in flames, and it was far too late to think of saving anything. There is an unverified rumor that some of those first on the ground saw Mr. Lee attempting to get a window open; those outside tried to aid him by smashing it in, but the intense heat drove them back, and the unfortunate man disappeared, never to be seen again.

PROBABLY FATALLY SHOT.

George Johnson, of Mt. Airy, Victim of Bullet.

Mt. Airy, N. C., Dec. 22.—George Johnson, a stone cutter, was shot Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and is expected to die, while Elow Roberts, who did the shooting, is a fugitive from justice with a posse of officers pursuing him. The shooting took place at one of the sheds at the stone quarry, where several men were drinking and playing cards, and the incident is said to have grown out of a dispute over a deck of cards. If there were witnesses to the shooting they have not been found.

Pinehurst, N. C., Dec. 22.—G. T. Dunlap, of New York, and L. T. Boyd, of St. Louis, led the field in today's four-ball golf handicap over the Pinehurst course. They played with a total handicap of 24 and finished with a net score of 166.

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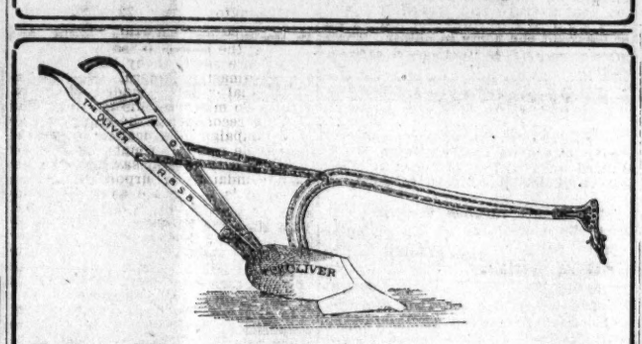

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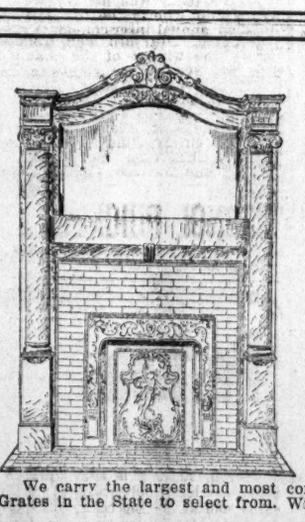

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No. 64, ! 6:50 A.M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 63, ! 6:25 P.M.
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No. 55, * 2:15 P.M.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, All Florida Points, Columbia, Asheville and the West. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia.	No. 54, * 1:40 P.M.
No. 62, * 3:25 P.M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 63, *12:50 P.M.
No. 59, * 6:30 P.M.	Fayetteville, Sanford and Intermediate stations.	No. 60, !10:15 A.M.
No. 42, * 6:45 P.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Brailer, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains, with Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41, 10:00 A.M.
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IN EFFECT OCTOBER 6th, 1913.

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Tuesday December 23, 1913.

More honesty in financiering and less panics attributed to politics.

Well, we think Taft is about the nicest ex-President the country ever had.

One thing that the smartest man never knows is what happens to his widow.

Yes, she speaks well of everybody but she may be only slightly acquainted with them.

There is more or less hysteria at the present time, but we have to put up with it because it is honest.

Government ownership depends upon whether knaves, grafters or fools are running the government.

Many a man's idea of a pipe dream is that it is recollections of an old fashioned Christmas when egg-nog had not gone out of fashion.

Charlotte's idea of charming weather that it originates there shows that Charlotte ought to come to Wilmington oftener than it does.

Well, it really is currency reform if it takes the financial affairs out of the hands of the financiers who hatched out the financial plan for the New Haven road.

An Iowa woman has recovered $5,000 damages from a man who playfully tapped her on the cheek. No doubt she regrets that she did not turn the other cheek.

"Do we know the good and true?" inquires a Christmas writer. Some may know it when they see it, but does the good and true know them for what they have done?

Objection is made to the breaking of a bottle of champagne on the bow of a new ship as she is being launched. Well, it really does seem to be a bit of wasteful nonsense.

A Pittsburg man has sued his wife because she serves him nothing but pork. If it were North Carolina pork it would be evidence of love and fidelity and would be regarded as such at the price.

"Nation is Freed of Wall Street," says a headline in the Richmond News Leader over the news telling about the passage of the new currency bill. That may be news to Wall Street but we have to wait and see.

A Georgian has appealed to the courts because his wife refuses to speak to him. Of course, we don't know the circumstances, but she may be justified. Her husband may think there is something in Tom Watson.

Says the Birmingham News: "The whole truth about Birmingham's police department will hurt no one who should not be hurt." Well, we guess that the police who have the most human sympathy will be the first to get hurt.

It is now claimed that Senator Root prevented Roosevelt from getting a third term. We thought all along that it was the Democratic party, but if it was Root we will say that we always regarded him as a gentleman and scholar.

Senator Root and many of his friends think he is awfully smart, but Representative Carter Glass, of Virginia, says the New York Senator did not know what he was talking about when he criticised the new currency bill. The probability is that the reflections cast by Glass are just about right.

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

The serious recommendation of Postmaster General Burleson for the government to take over the telegraph and telephone business of the country has brought us face to face with a very serious proposition. The country may as well make up its mind to face it squarely, for some of these days we are going to be right up against it in good fashion. The corporations are to blame for it, and the politicians are taking advantage of it to make the most of the argument that "rather than that the corporations shall own the government it is better for the government to own the corporations."

Men who are opposed to paternalism and socialism have no choice if it really comes to government ownership of utilities or ownership of the government by the utilities, but it is a far cry yet from the danger point, although the politics of the country, it must be admitted, is being disturbed by such serious official propositions as those made by the Democratic Postmaster General.

In Washington a few days ago Ex-Senator Bourne, who was for six years a member of the Senate Postoffice Committee and chairman of that committee for two years, issued to the press an interview in opposition to the proposal of Postmaster General Burleson. He declared that he had not a dollar interest in either telephone or telegraph securities, but he said: "I am theoretically in favor of government ownership of telegraph and telephone lines, but practically bitterly opposed to it."

A great many people in this country are in about the same quandary as the Ex-Senator. They are Theoretically Speaking, one thing, but Practically and Seriously they may decide otherwise. They really don't know what they would do till they have to face the question in its broadest sense. We are all disposed towards a theory in an offhand way, but when we face a situation and are expected to render the decision of patriots, we will be up against a proposition like the epigram attributed to your uncle Grover Cleveland: "It is not a theory we face but a condition." Therefore, we can say now that everything finally depends on the condition we have to face. That condition will have to be the twin brother of the Inevitable.

At first blush, we should say that most Americans, without regard to politics, would be against government ownership of telephones, telegraph or railroad lines, for practically the same reason that Ex-Senator Bourne gives. Theoretically he is in favor of it but practically he is opposed to it, and he says in explanation of that rather paradoxial position: "Why? Because to my mind, it would be the beginning of government ownership of national utilities, eventuating in bureaucratic paternalism, dry rot, and inside of a century, governmental dissolution." He is about right, but if this country gets around government ownership, we will have to bring about effective government regulation to take the place of the government subservienoy set up by the Republican party. Ex-Senator Bourne shows that if the Government takes hold of the telegraph, telephone and and railway lines and public utilities, we will add 3,000,000 government employes to the already large list in the Federal service and in discussing that danger as a factor in keeping one administration constantly in charge of the government, he says:

"Taking into consideration the fact in the last ten Presidential elections, the President was elected by a plurality varying from 7,000 plus to a little over 2,000,000, the thought naturally arises that three million Governmental employes could aboslutely control the Government under our political machinery, the tendency being more pay, less service in Governmental employment, resulting in resulting in resistless efforts of the outside labor to secure Government employ, because less onerous and more remunerative, with accumulative dissatisfaction and irritation in all private enterprises.

"Two years ago in the parcel post study it developed that the express companies had about 85,000 employes receiving an average wage scale of less than $50 per month, while the postal employes performing a similar service received an average of $93 per month, demonstrating that under Government ownership and operation of express companies the wage scale would cost the Government, conservatively speaking, thirty million dollars more for operation in labor payments than it did the express companies.

"Governmental efficiency and economy of operation can never equal that of private enterprise, and the sole desiderate of Government should be equal legal opportunity for all and limitation on individual liberty only in his prohibition of preying on the personal or property rights of others. Our present drift to departmental rule and regulation instead of a Government of law, which is the greatest menace to the future of our country, would, in my opinion, simply be accentuated by Governmental ownership."

We do not think the American people are just now ready for this proposition. We have no idea how they would stand upon it, but they would have to listen and consider a long time before they decide either one way or the other. Party lines will go to finders in the final vote on that question.

AN AGE OF SANITATION.

The chief thing now stressed throughout the world is sanitation. Healthfulness ranks first everywhere. All the world, it has been said, is cleaning up in order to preserve health and save life. It is not alone the fact that not to keep our cities and our premises clean incurs odium in the eyes of our neighbors, but the world-wide awakening to cleanliness is due to the realization of communities that in the present stress of competition the inefficient and ill prepared community cannot survive.

Nothing makes a community so inefficient and undesirable as bad sanitation. Nothing attracts such wide attention as a clean, healthful locality. Even Quayaquil, long the plague spot of South America, is preparing to let the world know that it is a clean city, free from the danger of yellow fever, dengue and other dreaded maladies. It has been found out that it is all a mistake and an oversight for any community to be unhealthy.

The government of Ecuador has signed a contract with a London concern for draining off the swamp area and marshlands around the port of Guayaquil and for the installation of a sanitary water and seewrage system. The clean-up by the United States in the Panama Canal region has set the world an example. The Ecuador government has caught the cue and proposes to banish yellow fever by getting rid of the mosquito. The sanitation work to be done at Guayaquil is said to involve a cost of $10,000,000 and the government has entered into a contract that will call for that expenditure.

After all, the best part of life is not riches but health, and all the world so regards it. Good water to drink and healthful surroundings are the first consideration, and they must be had, it matters not the cost. Let us put Wilmington in good sanitary condition before Spring. Now is the time to do it. We see about the city some wet and water areas that it is a shame to have near a city of modern ideas. Our health officials should make a survey of the situation and get busy. Clean up now.

AIMED AT CALAMITY HOWLERS.

If Friday is a day for bad luck it may be significant for calamity howlers that on last Friday a bill was introduced in Congress by Representative Church, of California, which imposes a penalty of $5,000 or a prison sentence of not exceeding ten years, or both, upon any person or person found guilty of circulating false statements in regard to the financial condition of the business of the country for the purpose of creating a money panic.

That bill is aimed at the professional calamity howlers who begin a lot of talk that unsettles conditions, but the difficulty would be to prove their motive. Its aim is manifest but it would be a hard proposition to prove that they are guilty of anything but trying to discredit the party in power. Their main purpose is to libel an administration they do not like, and unfortunately for the country some interests in this country are so powerful that they are able to undermine the faith of the country to a marvelous extent.

HEADING FOR THE SOUTH.

This year's railroad records show that the activities of the Atlantic Coast Line to attract settlers to the Southern territory covered by its lines, are beginning to have a desirable effect. During the year, the record shows that 3,000 settlers have come into Coast Line territory. Doubtless there are many more which came quietly and scattered here and there without their action being known to the railroad management.

Anyhow, it shows that attention has been attracted to the South Atlantic and somewhere in these States there are 3,000 newcomers. It shows that they are coming, and if they have not come to eastern North Carolina it shows that we have not done our best to get them. How about the coming year?

CURRENT COMMENT.

Mr. Hazel R. Aiken, who went from The Observer to the Wilmington Star, several years ago, becomes city editor of that paper, succeeding Mr. William Lawson, who goes to The Evening Dispatch in similar capacity. By this move each Wilmington paper gets a capable and alert city editor, and their respective readers will reap the benefits.—Charlotte Observer.

Wrightsville Beach is to be extended one mile in a southerly direction by the opening of the coming season. It will not be many years before the Wilmington coast resort will extend from Wrightsville to Carolina Beach and to the point at Fort Fisher. That particular stretch is the finest beach along the Atlantic coast, with no exception whatever.—Charlotte Observer.

After reading a dispatch from Jacksonville, N. C., regarding the stock law election in Onslow county, even a man timid in reaching conclusions would be convinced that Onslow does not want the law. The total number of votes cast for the measure was 144, while 1,015 voters indicated by their ballots that they wanted no stock law in their'n.—Raleigh News and Observer.

Only a few years ago, such things around the farm as raising chickens, turkeys, producing milk and butter and gardening were considered secondary. The barnyard was the scene of many varieties of fowl, none of them being especially noticed and receiving little or no care. The garden produced the vegetables which the family consumed during the season and a little canning was done. A revelation of affairs has taken place. The raising of chickens has been found to be one of the most pleasant and profitable industries known. It takes care to raise them satisfactorily, so that any revenue may be derived from them. One must study how to look and care for them and feed them with a view to getting the best results. The city table calls for the chicken, turkey, duck and other fowl and the rural communities are supplying this call and realizing a profit.—Raleigh Times.

PROGRESS ON A. C. L. DOUBLE TRACKING.

Substructures for Second Track Completed Parkton to Selma.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 22.—The first stage of the work of double-tracking the Atlantic Coast Line from Selma to Parkton has been finished, the concrete substructure for the bridges and culverts where the second track will be laid having been completed by the W. Z. Williams Company of Macon, Ga., and the way is prepared for the double-tracking proper to begin.

The Williams Company has built the substructure of 163 bridges and culverts, the most important piece of work of which is the substructure of the new bridge across the Cape Fear here, which parallels the big bridge built in 1907.

The new bridge will be entirely independent of the old one. The Williams Company's own men have done the work immediately above and below Fayetteville—between Baird and Natal—but the construction elsewhere has been let to sub-contractors. A. P. Cornell, of the W. Z. Williams Company has been in charge of the whole work, with headquarters here.

"That's what I call candy, where did you get it?" "Plummer's, of course." That's what they all say. Come and get yours. 219 North Front. (advertisement.)

Christmas slippers, all kinds, at Peterson & Rulfs. (advertisement.) de 19-21-23.

CUMBERLAND GETS EXPERT IN TOBACCO GROWING.

Durham Man to Have Charge of Demonstration Work.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 22.—The Cape Fear Tobacco Growers' Association has secured, through the United States Department of Agriculture, Dr. J. D. Fletcher, of Durham, an expert on the culture of tobacco and one of the best all round farmers of Durham county, to instruct the Cumberland farmers in the methods of raising tobacco, and to assist planters in the fight against crop diseases and pests and to furnish expert agricultural advice generally.

Mr. Fletcher is highly recommended by the Demonstration Bureau of the Department of Agriculture, as being a thorough student of agriculture and a competent, practical demonstrator. He is expected in Fayetteville by the 1st of January, in time to superintend the forming of the beds in the planting of the tobacco crop. He will be here for the next twelve months, so as to instruct not only in the seeding, but in all stages of the growth and curing of tobacco. Mr. Fletcher's headquarters will be at the Chamber of Commerce office, where he will be in telephonic communication with every part of the county.

It is evident that Cumberland is very much in earnest in taking up tobacco growing. The farmers have taken on to it heartily, while a good proportion of the members of the Cape Fear Tobacco Growers' Association are Fayetteville business men. A number of the latter are offering prizes to the planters for creditable showings on the market to be established here, and the Wallace-Ellington Company, an insurance firm, is proffering free seed to whoever wants it.

ANOTHER DELAY.

In Re-Building Wilson's Light and Power Plant.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 22.—Now comes another delay in the matter of the rebuilding of the municipal light and power plant and it does seem that Wilson is having a hard time to get the money for the bond issue of $160,000—this money is badly needed and especially $80,000 of it for the reason that the light and power plant is unable to furnish the needed current. This time the bankers who are backing the bond buyers write the City Clerk that their attorneys will not approve the bonds. There is some talk of a test case in order that the validity of the bonds may be proven.

In the meantime the gas franchise proposition is progressing and another meeting will be held tonight to go over the franchise carefully before it is placed before the people for ratification. One of the board of commissioners has announced his intention to fight for municipal ownership of the gas plant, despite the finding of the board of public works against municipal ownership. Public opinion is strong in favor of a gas plant and that speedily.

SETS WORLD'S RECORD.

German Baloonist Travels Nearly Two Thousand Miles.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—Herr Kevlen, a German balloonist, who, with two passengers ascended from Bitter Feld, Prussian Saxony, in the balloon Duisburg on December 13th, reported today that he had descended at Perm, near the Siberian frontier, thus establishing a world's distance and duration record for spherical balloons.

The Duisburg was in the air 87 hours and traveled 1,788.8 miles. The previous world's distance record for spherical balloons was held by Renerumpelmayer who in March last made a flight from Paris to a point near Kharkov, European Russia, a distance of 1,492 miles.

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Grand Theatre

PICTURES — 5 — PICTURES

FOR TODAY.

"Let No Man Put Asunder."

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"A Cure for Suffragettes," (Led by Mrs. Emmeline Parkhurst.)

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WILL OPERATE HERE

Eyes of Northern Capital Turned to the South

North Carolina Company, of Chicago, Ill., Will Undertake Extensive Agricultural Development in Wilmington Section.

That a number of Chicago capitalists and business men have formed a strong company for the purpose of undertaking extensive agricultural developments in the Wilmington section is a rumor that has been going round locally of late, and a letter received yesterday by Capt. Edgar D. Williams, of this city, from the vice president of the company, proves that the rumor was a well founded one.

The name of the organization is the North Carolina Company, with offices in the First National Bank Building, Chicago, and the letter received by Capt. Williams, while not going into any details as to the purposes of the company, is along lines that would seem to verify the general tenor of the rumors.

The letter received by Capt. Williams is from Mr. F. W. Cornwall, vice president of the North Carolina Company, who states that he was in Wilmington and visited the corn show given here last month. He refers to the wonderful quality of the corn on exhibit, and speaks most highly of the North Carolina corn as compared with that grown in the Middle West. He emphasizes the fact that his company is striving to bring as much national attention to the advantages of this section as is possible, and asks the assistance of Capt. Williams in a matter of information as to the yields per acre and the name of the corn exhibited by the captain at the local corn show.

Inquiry last night elicited the information that, while the North Carolina Company has already been formed, and many of its plans are mature, it is not quite ready just yet to give out details as to the exact location in which it will undertake its development work. This will be announced a little later, but for the present it is safe to say that the company will operate in the Wilmington territory, and that its operations will be strictly along the agricultural lines. It proposes to develop a large area of fine farming land and to colonize the farms with thrifty German farmers from the Middle West.

It is understood that its plans are to give the farmers it brings to this section the necessary financial backing, in case they need it, to enable them to crop their lands without incurring the disadvantages that confront many a small farmer under the present rural credit system of the country.

That such a development would mean much to the section is to be admitted by all, and the public will await with interest the announcement of the company's plans in detail.

Mr. Cornwall's letter to Capt. Williams is as follows:

"Mr. E. D. Williams, Wilmington, N. C.

"Dear Sir:—The writer visited your corn show at Wilmington on November 12th, and was very much interested in all the products of New Hanover county exhibited there.

"We were wonderfully impressed with the quality of corn grown in your soil, and we wish to say that at our Illinois corn shows, which the writer has visited for several years, we have shown no better corn than raised on your New Hanover county land.

"We are working with the West Raleigh Agricultural College and the Commissioner of Agriculture of North Carolina to bring as much National attention to the Wilmington district as is possible and you can be of assistance, if you will, by writing us a letter advising what your largest yield of corn has been on land attended by you. Besides this information, will you kindly advise if you have any seed corn for sale and, if so, at what price and please advise the name of corn exhibited by you at the Wilmington Land Show.

"Very truly yours,
"NORTH CAROLINA COMPANY.
F. W. CORNWALL.
"Vice President."

MISS SALLY CRONLY DEAD.

Respected Lady Passed Away Sunday Night at Family Home Here.

Friends here and elsewhere will learn with deep sorrow of the death of Miss Sally Taylor Cronly, which occurred at the family home, No. 215 South Third street, Sunday evening. Always too frail for any active part in life's duties her gentle spirit found its happiness in her beloved home and the friends to whom as to her church her love and loyalty were unwavering.

There are left to mourn her death three sisters, Misses Jane, Margaret and Mary Cronly, of this city, and three brothers, Mr. Michael Cronly, of Wilmington; Mr. R. D. Cronly, of Petersburg, Va., and Mr. D. T. Cronly, of Columbia, S. C. They will have the sincerde sympathy of a host of friends in their sad bereavement.

The funeral services will be held this morning at 11:30 o'clock at the home on South Third street, and will be conducted by Rev. Dr. J. M. Wells, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, of which she was a devoted member. The interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

COMMENDABLE UNDERTAKING

Yokefellows of Y. M. C. A. Will Remember Convicts During Holidays.

At the request of several members of the board of commissioners, the Yoke Fellows, a band of Christian workers composed of members of the Y. M. C. A., have colected a fund to purchase some appropriate Christmas reminder for each convict in the county. They will also present each inmate of the county home with a suitable present. They have met with a hearty response on the part of the public in this worthy undertaking and already have a sufficient amount of money and suitable articles in hand so that everyone of the county's wards will have some reminder of a happy and merry Christmas.

The members of the board of county commissioners have contributed liberally from their personal bank accounts. They did not want the convicts neglected, but had no way to make an appropriation from the county funds for the purpose. The Yoke Fellows have taken the greatest interest in the project and deserve much credit for taking up the matter. It is likely that there will also be other organizations that will remember the unfortunate inmates of the convict camps during the Christmas festive season.

Christmas would be a dull day if all the kids were not supplied with dainty sweets from Plummer's. The widest variety and purest candies in town. (advertisement.)

ACTION ON PLAN DEFERRED

Consolidation of Water and Sewerage Department With Treasurer's Office May Not be Made.

That the City Council may decide to disregard the recommendation of its committee of three members to consolidate the book-keeping of the Water and Sewerage Department with that of the Treasurer's office, was indicated yesterday morning when, after a discussion of an hour or more of the proposition by that body, action was deferred until a later session.

The plan was recommended by a special committee and afterwards ratified by a full vote of the council. It was proposed to employ an additional book-keeper in the office of the Treasurer and transfer all strictly book-keeping work to that department.

Councilman Wood stated at the meeting yesterday that after looking into the question a little more fully he had reached the conclusion that it would not make for efficiency and economy, and that he was, therefore, opposed to the plan.

Councilman Wood said that when the plan for the consolidation was first proposed he was under the impression that no additional help would be needed, but since it was now planned to have a high salaried man to assist in the Treasurer's office in the handling of the books, collection of rents and other routine matters, he did not see where the economy would come in. He thought that better results could be obtained by employing an expert book-keeper in the Water and Sewerage Department. This would give the superintendent a better opportunity to spend more of his time outside, making inspections, and would also give the other assistants more time for outside work.

He did not consider that the proposed plan would relieve his Department to any considerable extent as a large part of the work in that office is mainly keeping records, and this would still have to be done in that office. He would not object, he stated, to having the general book work and the collection of rents placed in the Treasurer's office provided no additional assistants were required. He would much prefer, he continued, to pay the treasurer a larger salary rather than employ an additional book-keeper.

He stated that he had conferred with Supt. W. E. Merritt, and after discussing the matter fully with him he was satisfied it would be a bad move. Besides the stenographer there were two outside men who spend a part of their time in the office assisting in the work of keeping the records and also on the book work. By employing an additional man in that office they would be free to spend their entire time outside.

Superintendent Merritt discussed the matter at some length, and brought out the fact that the department is in need of more inspectors. Councilman Merritt stated that he thought a mistake had been made by not conferring with Councilman Wood, and finding out his views before a report was made.

Mr. J. B. McCabe, one of the auditors, who recommended the report of the special committee, was present, and when requested to give his opinion, stated that he thought the consolidation of the accounts would prove to be a good thing. It probably would not be apparent at first, but in the course of two or three months the good results would be manifest in the way of economy, and he was sure that it would be more efficient from the start.

Following a detailed discussion of the matter by the different members of the Council, it was finally decided to defer further action until later.

Lighting Question Again.

Councilman Wood stated that he was not satisfied with the proposed solution of the lighting question and thought that the matter should be taken up again at a special meeting. In view of the approaching holidays, it was decided not to have this meeting until Monday morning at 10 o'clock. It is not unlikely that at this time Councilman Wood will again bring up the proposition of the J. B. McCrary Company of Atlanta, Ga., to furnish plans and estimates for a municipal lighting plant.

It was stated at the meeting of the council yesterday that the proposition of Mr. Hugh MacRae, president of the Tidewater Power Company, to furnish the city with lectricity at a reduction in rates had not yet been submitted in writing.

Can Shoot Firecrackers.

The members of the council were not unmindful of the fact that Christmas is approaching and that at this particular time youngsters like to make a noise. They, therefore, passed a resolution suspending on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day the operation of the city ordinance prohibiting the shooting of firecrackers and other explosives on the streets.

The resolutions were introduced by Councilman Jones and the only discussion was as to the length of the crackers. Chief of Police Williams stated that the old ordinance provided that no firecrackers over two inches in length should be used. Councilman Wood said that while he detested the pesky things as much as any man living, he thought it would be unfair to limit their size to this length, as many of the merchants had already bought their supplies. He thought that it should be made four inches and Chief Williams said that this would be acceptable. The resolutions follow:

"That Section 189, of the Revised Ordinances, forbidding the firing and display of fireworks within the city limits, be, and the same is hereby suspended from effect and operation on December 24th and 25th, 1913, and January 1st, 1914.

"Provided that the use, firing or display of firecrackers, rockets, torpedoes, Roman candles, pistols, canes, or other like appliances is expressly forbidden at any point west of Front street within the limits of the city.

"Provided, further, That the use of or firing of firecrackers over four inches in length, or the firing of any pistol using blank cartridges, or caps, or other explosive appliances containing chlorate of potash mixture, is hereby expressly forbidden within the city limits. Any violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall subject the offender to a fine of $10."

Deeds Filed for Record.

The following deeds were placed on file for registration yesterday: Marley Nixon and wife to Valley Foy and wife, for $50, small tract of land in Harnett township, one mile southeast of the Scott's Hill depot; H. W. Konig to Ernest S. Bullock, for $100 and other considerations, lot on east side of Ninth, 120 feet south of Taylor street, 30x95 feet in size; Thos. H. Williams to H. M. Pridgen, for $325, lot No. 1 in Block 18, Carolina Place; Alonz H. Reeder to G. W. Butler and wife, for $.00 and other considerations lot near Greenville station, Harnett township, 50x203 feet in size.

MR. S. A. SCHLOSS IS DEAD

Widely Known Theatrical Owner and Operator Passed Away Last Night—Long Illness.

All Wilmington and friends and business acquaintances throughout the whole country will be shocked to learn of the death of Mr. S. A. Schloss, prominent theatrical owner and operator of this city, who passed away at his residence, No. 214 North Fourth street, last night, at 10:30 o'clock.

Although Mr. Schloss had been in ill health for two years or more, his death came as a painful surprise, even to his family and those who were close to him. He had been very weak for the past few weeks, but seemed somewhat stronger yesterday, and he was sitting up last evening when overcome by a fainting spell. From this he never rallied, and 30 minutes later he was dead.

Simeon Archibald Schloss was born in Lynchburg, Va., Oct. 10th, 1865, and thereafter was in the 49th year of his age. He made Wilmington his home practically all his life, starting out in the crockery business here at an early age. Later he traveled over the country as a musician with different theatrical productions, and in this manner received his training that later enabled him to become one of the best known men in the theatrical business outside of New York city. At the time of his death he owned the theatre in Danville, Va., and operated in Wilmington, Raleigh, Charlotte, Winston, Asheville, Greensboro, Goldsboro and Concord, N. C., and Chester S. C. He had been in the theatrical business about 20 years, and in that time he made a reputation that is well known all over the entire Eastern United States. His intimate knowledge of the profession and his natural business acumen made him little less than a genius at the business and his efforts in this line were wonderfully successful.

Mr. Schloss suffered a stroke of paralysis about two years ago, and though he underwent treatment at the hands of the most skilled specialists in the country, and took an extended voyage through Europe in the hope of benefitting his health, he practically never rallied from the first stroke. After returning from Europe he settled down at his home here, and though weak and unable to take any active part in his many sided business interests, he nevertheless managed to keep in touch with things to a considerable extent.

He is survived by his widow, two daughters, Florette and Mary, and one son, S. A., Jr., also by two brothers, Mr. Nathan Schloss, of this city, and Mr. J. E. Schloss, of New York, and one sister, Mrs. Jenette Nathan, of Wilmington. All the members of his immediate family were with him at the time of his death. His brother, Mr. J. E. Schloss, only left last evening, after spending a week here. He was on his way back to New York when the news of his brother's death was telegraphed to him. The bereaved ones will be remembered with tender sympathy by many friends in their hour of sorrow.

Mr. Schloss, was a member of the Temple of Israel here. He was also a member of the Harmony Circle Club, and of Cornelius Harnett Council, No. 231, Royal Arcanum. Before ill health overtook him he was also a member of the Elks.

The funeral arrangements had not been completed last night, and will be announced later. It is likely that the funeral will be held tomorrow.

COUNTY AUDITOR REPORTS

Mr. J. A. Orrell Makes Number of Important Suggestions and Recommendations.

As is required by law, the annual report of County Auditor John A Orrell to the Board of County Commissioners will be printed as an advertisement in Sunday's Star. It is quite a lengthy statement, and for the most part is devoted to the finances of the county, though some space is given to suggestions and recommendations.

Mr. Orrell calls special attention to the fact that the cost for tax listing this year was $1,725,80, as against $1,853.10 for the preceding year, and this, too, despite the fact that the time for listing was considerably extended this season and two listers in Harnett township, as against one the previous year. He also points out that the work was greater this year on account of an increase of more than 10 per cent. in total taxable values.

One recommendation of the auditor is that tax returns be taken in duplicate hereafter, the original to be used as a permanent record to eliminate the necessity for rewriting them into tax books. He also recommends that all deeds be submitted to him as auditor before being recorded. He is required by law to make a record of all transfers of property, and he states that this under the present system is practically impossible on account of the fact that many of the deeds are insufficiently descriptive. He desires to see that the deeds contain correct descriptions before being recorded.

The report shows funded assets to be overdrawn $15,499.43. Current taxes due county and school, $132,096.99. General county assets, including building land, etc., $201,981.15. General school assets, including building, land, etc., $268,090. Total assets, $586,668.71.

Liabilities, including bonded indebtedness, $207,800; and floating indebtedness, $51,878.33; total, $259,678.33.

This leaves a surplus of $326,990.33.

Days Now Now Getting Longer.

Yesterday was the shortest day of the year 1913 and beginning today they will continue to grow longer and longer until June 21st, 1914 when the days begin to shorten again. The explanation for this turn of Father Time can be found in any school geography and is needless to state here why it is so. The change will be gladly welcomed by those who have a propensity for sleeping late in the morning for when the sun begins shining earlier it is easier to wake than it is when it is hid behind the herizon. After awhile the nights will be so short that there will be only time for a brief nap between suns but there is the consolation that nature is constantly producing changes.

Still, if prices continue to go up, Mrs. Pankhurst may simply be remembered as the pioneer in a universal custom.

CHURCH WAS CROWDED

Large Congregation Heard the Christmas Contata Sunday Night at First Baptist Church.

Preceded by an original and entertaining address by Rev. Dr. J. H. Foster, the pastor, on the subject, "The Manger Cradle," a Christmas cantata, "The Story of Bethlehem," by William R. Spence, was given at the First Baptist church Sunday evening, and was heard by a congregation that filled every available seat upstairs and down and overflowed into the aisles and also the walls.

A picked choir of 16 voices took part, under the direction of Miss Cannie Chasten, the musical organist and director, and the manner in which the superb music was rendered speaks exceedingly well of the ability of those composing the choir, as well as that of Miss Chasten, to whom much of the credit for the splendid manner in which the programme was carried out is due.

This cantata was given during the holiday season last year at the First Baptist church, and was heard then by an audience that taxed the capacity of the building.

Those taking part Sunday night were as follows:

Soprano—Miss Katie Foard, Miss Lila Keith, Miss Carrie White and Miss Lucile Riley.

Alto—Miss Agnes Chasten, Miss Sallie Smith, Miss Lila Williams, Mrs. C. B. Newcomb.

Tenor—Mr. Chas. L. Schulken, Mr. Ernest Green, Mr. Roger Schulken, Mr. Edgar Child.

Bass—Mr. W. B. Muse, Mr. A. S. Holden, Mr. W. H. Alderman, Mr. I. N. Henderson.

Soloists—Miss Katie Foard, Miss Lila Keith, Mr. W. B. Muse, Mr. Chas. L. Schulken.

Miss Cannie Chasten, Organist and Director.

The morning service at the First Baptist church Sunday was one of especial interest also, being the occasion of the dedication of the handsome marble baptistry presented to the church by Mr. Jno. R. Hanby, of this city, and Dr. J. H. Hanby, of Texas, as a memorial to their parents. Dr. Foster preached a strong memorial sermon on the subject, "What mean these stones," and was heard by a large congregation.

SALLIE PIGFORD GETS THREE MONTHS ON FARM.

Recorder Has Busy Morning Yesterday With Variety of Cases.

Sallie Pigford, colored, who was arrested last week on a charge of violating the prohibition law, was tried yesterday before the Recorder on the charge. Dora Crawford, colored, stated that she purchased a half pint from her for 25 cents, but this was denied by the defendant. There were found 20 or more gallon jugs at her house besides many bottles of various sizes and the court room looked almost like a barroom with these arrayed for the trial. The judgment of the court was that she go to the farm for three months. An appeal was taken and her bond was fixed at $150, which she was unable to give and the woman went to jail.

Dora Crawford was an unwilling witness in the case and when summoned to appear in the case Saturday failed to show up. A capias was issued for her and yesterday she was given two months on the county farm. Joe Holsey, colored, was charged with highway robbery but the evidence against him was incomplete in several particulars and he was discharged. Chas. Johnson, white, stated that Holsey was with him and Anthony Montesoria, also white, Saturday night. Antony finally got too drunk to keep up with the procession and fell by the wayside. Then it was, according to his testimony, that he was robbed of $30 and a watch. Antony was of the opinion that the negro that was with them was larger than Holsey could lay claim to being.

The police were busy Saturday night looking after the boys who were shooting toy pistols and firing fireworks and a number were before his honor yesterday. On acount of youthfulness cases against the following were nol prossed: George Croom, Lonie Howard, George Clark, Joe McKoy, colored, Roscoe Hall, colored, Vance Sutton, T. A. Hufham, Elias Miller, Ernest Croom.

Judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs in cases against Sarah Sloan, colored, charged with assault with deadly weapon. Judgment was suspended in a case against Antony Stewart, white, charged with disorderly conduct. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs in a case against Lewis Stevenson, colored, for a similar offense. Robert Stevenson, colored, had to pay $5 and the costs on a similar charge.

Judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs in cases against Messrs. W. M. Bellamy and Jessie Bryant, charged with speeding.

NEWBERLIN CITIZEN DEAD.

Mr. Albert C. Muller Passed Away Sunday Night—Burial Today.

Mr. Albert Carl Muller, a well known business man of Newberlin, died at his home at that place Sunday night at 8 o'clock. He was a native of Germany and came to this country when a young man. He was 58 years old. Surviving him are one son, Mr. Albert Muller, of Newberlin, and five daughters, Mrs. Carl Diehl, of this city, and Mrs. Henry Gerhardt, Mrs. William Smith and Miss Ida and Elvina Muller, all of Rochester, N. Y. The funeral will be held from the residence today and will be conducted by Rev. F. B. Clausen, of this city. The interment will be near the home.

PASTOR RESIGNS CHARGE.

Rev. E. E. Aubrey Forced to Give Up Work on Account of Ill Health.

On account of ill health Rev. E. E. Aubrey, pastor of Fifth Street Advent church, tendered his resignation Sunday morning to become effective at once. During the time that he has served the church he has greatly endeared himself to the members of the congregation and it was with deep sorrow that they learned of his decision. No action was taken in regard to the matter, but it is not likely that Mr. Aubrey will be able to reconsider his resignation. According to a rule of the church the calling of another pastor will take place the first of the year. Mr. Aubrey will leave soon for Baltimore, Md., where he will undergo an operation.

Visit Plummer's, the prettiest store in town, for candies. Headquarters for Martha Washington, Park and Tilford's, Huyler's and Nunally's. 219 North Front. (advertisement.)

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Following our usual custom, we have secured an ample supply of New Gold Coins, from which we will be glad to supply the needs of our friends and customers.

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MRS. WILLIAMS DEAD.

Aged Lady Passed Away at Home of Son in City Sunday Night.

Many friends learned with deep sorrow yesterday of the death of Mrs. Cassenda Williams, widow of the late G. W. Williams, which occurred Sunday night at 6 o'clock at the home of her son, Mr. J. H. Williams, No. 413 Wright street. She was in the 55th year of her age. She was a woman greatly beloved by all who knew her and the bereaved family will have the tender sympathy of a host of friends in their great grief.

Surviving her are three sisters, Mrs. Harriet Williams, of this city, and Mrs. P. M. Giles and Mrs. C. S. McKoy, of Florida. She is also survived by three daughters, Mrs. T. W. Calahan, Mrs. Dudley and Miss Maggie Williams, and five sons, Messrs. James J., George, Marion, Walter and Edward Williams, all of this city.

The funeral was held from the home yesterday afternoon by Rev. J. S. Crowley, pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian church. She was a faithful member of the Presbyterian church for many years. Although holding her membership in a church in the country she took an active part in church work here. There were a large number of sorrowing friends and relatives present at the funeral services. This morning the remains will be taken by private conveyance to Northwest in Brunswick county, and the interment will be made in the family burying ground near that place.

BRISK TRADE IN FURS.

Many Deer, Coon and Other Skins Being Sold on Local Market.

Local dealers in hides and raw furs are doing a good business this season, and especially just now before the holidays, when the hunters and trappers are turning their pelts into cash for Christmas. Messrs. J. H. Burton and A. J. Watkins, who live in the Holly Shelter section of Pender county, about three miles from Rocky Point, brought in eight fine deer hides yesterday morning, for which they received very satisfactory prices, they stated. The young men declare that game is very plentiful in their section this year, including deer, turkey, coon and quail and hunters are having some fine sport.

Another hunter brought in about a dozen coon skins yesterday, and others could be seen on the street with bundles of raw furs. This section produces more raw furs than many suspect, and not a few farmers' boys derive no small amount of spending money from this source.

Building Permits.

The following building permits have been issued by Fire Chief Schnibben: L. W. Moore, four-room dwelling on 12th street, between Castle and Queen, estimated cost $450; E. A. Chadwick, store on Nixon, between Seventh and Eighth, estimated cost $400; V. Sidbury, six-room dwelling on Meares, between Third and Fourth, estimated cost $700.

Christmas slippers, all kinds, at Peterson & Ruifs. (advertisement.) de 19-21-23.

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"The Store That's Always Busy"

Christmas Shopping

—IS—

"On The Double Quick'

Hundreds and Hundreds of Shoppers Are Coming To Polvogt's.

This store will be open evenings this week to help late shoppers. This means more shopping time than usual

SHOP EARLY

In the Day, IN THE MORNING, IF POSSIBLE. SERVICE is the Slogan of the POLVOGT Store for this great Christmas season, as it has been POLVOGT'S Slogan heretofore. The aim of this store—otherwise called by our customers the store with the CHRISTMAS SPIRIT, is to make your gift selecting comfortable and conv enient, as well as RESULTFUL.

REAP THE BENEFIT

Of Best Service and Straightened Stocks by Shopping in the Early Hours of the Morning—we should suggest between 8 AND 12 A. M.—thus avoiding the crowds and making your selections leisurely.

Thanking you in Advance,

THE C. W. POLVOGT COMPANY
WILMINGTON'S SHOPPING CENTER

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lawson returned Sunday evening from a pleasant visit to New York.

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Mr. D. B. Robinson, a student at Trinity Park School, has returned home to spend the holidays.

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Mrs. H. M. Flagler arrived Sunday to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Mary H. Kenan, No. 202 South Third street.

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Dr. Owen H. Kenan, of New York City, is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Jos. G. Kenan, No. 808 North Fourth street.

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Mrs. A. H. Weeden and children, of Hope Mills, are the guests of Mrs. Weeden's sister, Mrs. A. L. Kelly, No. 808 North Fourth street.

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Messrs. Avon Blue and Vines Wright, students at the University of North Carolina, are spending the holidays in the city with friends.

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Miss Margaret Graham and Misses Helen and Margaret Weathers spent the week-end in Richmond, returning yesterday morning.

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Mrs. J. O. Wiggs is spending the Winter with her two daughters Mrs. T. A. Fry, of Florence, and Mrs. W. R. Middleton, of Jacksonville, Fla.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Hunter Wood, of Boston, Mass., are here to spend the holidays with relatives. Mr. Wood is the Boston representative of the firm of Alexander Sprunt & Son.

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Mr. Harry P. West, formerly of this city, but now of Brooklyn, N. Y., is spending the holidays with his mother here and is being cordially welcomed by a host of riends.

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The proceeds from the sale of Red Cross seals at the post office yesterday amounted to $16.81. The ladies in charge were Mrs. S. Solomon and Mrs. J. H. Watters.

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Lieut. Louis P. Davis, of the United States ship Panther, and Mr. Robert C. Davis, a student at the University of North Carolina, are spending the holidays with their father, Junius Davis, Esq.

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There will be a Christmas entertainment at the Baptist church at Winter Park this evening at 8:30 o'clock. A playlet will be given, and presents will be distributed to the children by Santa Claus himself.

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Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones and Mr. and Mrs. John Russell Pope, of New York, arrived Sunday to spend the holidays at Airlie, Mr. Jones' country estate. They will be joined later by other members of the family.

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The steamer Cherokee arrived Sunday afternoon from New York with the following passengers: Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lawson, Mr. C. J. Everett, Miss C. Cazaux, Messrs. W. P. Wishaar, R. W. Scott, J. A. Tower, G. Benson and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Morley.

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Mr. E. L. McKenzie, of Des Moines, Ia., is home to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. McKenzie, 804 Dock street. This is Mr. McKenzie's first visit home in eight years and his many friends are delighted to greet him once more.

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Rev. and Mrs. Thomas C. Ellers and family, formerly of Wilmington, but now of Moore county, is in the city to spend Christmas with relatives. Mr. Ellers was transferred to a charge in Bladen county at the conference two weeks ago, and will go to his new charge after the holidays.

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The members of Grace Methodist Sunday school will have their annual Christmas tree at the church tonight at 7:30 o'clock. A splendid musical programme has been arranged for the occasion as well as other appropriate exercises. There will be gifts for every member of the Sunday school.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Harris celebrated the 25th anniversary of their marriage Saturday of the past week at their home, No. 513 Hanover street. The home was beautifully decorated for the occasion and a host of friends gathered to felicitate them upon the happy event in their lives and to wish them many happy returns.

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Dr. Robert J. Willingham, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist convention, and Mrs. Willingham, are spending the holidays at the home of their son, Dr. Benj. Willingham, No. 120 North Fourth street. Friends will be glad to know that Dr. Willingham has been rapidly regaining his health, and after a few weeks rest expects to be able to resume his work at Richmond.

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The kindergarten class of 60 pupils of Immanuel Presbyterian church, of which Miss Florence Bonitz is the capable teacher, had their closing exercises for the holidays at Immanuel house yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. There was a Christmas tree beautifully decorated with suitable presents for the little ones. There were also appropriate exercises. There were many of the mothers of the children and their friends present at the enjoyable occasion.

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Many friends in the city and elsewhere will be interested in the announcement of the engagement of Mr. Edward T. Taylor, of Wilmington, and Miss Mary Cox, formerly of Albany, Ga., but now of Sumter, S. C., where she is making her home with her sister, Mrs. W. F. Robertson. The wedding is to take place some time in January and on account of a recent bereavement in the bride-elect's family the wedding will be very quiet. Miss Cox is well known here having visited, in Wilmington several times. Her sister formerly resided here when her husband, Capt. W. F. Robertson, was superintendent of the Clarendon Water Company. Mr. Taylor is one of the well known business men of the city and is president of the Navassa Guano Co.

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BEAUTIFUL WEDDING AT ST. JAMES' CHURCH YESTERDAY.

One of the most beautiful weddings of the season was solemnized yesterday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock at St. James' Episcopal church when Miss Nellie Draper Savage, daughter of Mrs. Henry Russell Savage, and Mr. James Henry Durham, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Durham, were united in marriage, the rector of the church, Rev. Dr. Wm. H. Milton, officiating.

Prior to the entrance of the bridal party Prof. Frederick Richens, organist at St. James, skilfully and artistically rendered several pleasing musical selections among these being Schubert's Serenade and the Humoresque. For the entry of the bridal procession the march from Lohengrin was used and for the recessional Mendelssohn's Wedding March.

In keeping with the pretty and dignified ceremony were the church decorations, the altar being banked with myriads of candles which with their soft glow produced a most beautiful effect.

The bride preceded by her maid of honor, Miss Lauriston Hardy, entered with her brother, Mr. Edward Thayer Draper Savage, of Hendersonville, who gave her away. They were met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Mr. Henry K. Nash, Jr. The groomsmen were Messrs. Louis Belden, Theodore Sage James, Charles U. Hill, Bernard O'Neill, F. H. Ross and Octave Wiggins.

The bride looked most charming in a gown of white satin trimmed with old Duchess lace with a cap of the same material and veil caught with orange blossoms. The lace of the gown and cap was the same used by the mother upon the occasion of her wedding. The bride's bouquet were lilies of the valley. The maid of honor was becomingly gowned in pink brocaded charmeuse and carried a bouquet of Killarney roses.

Following the impressive marriage ceremony an informal reception was tendered the bridal party and immediate friends of the family at the home of the bride's mother, No. 11 North Fifth street. Here were displayed many beautiful wedding presents. The bride and groom left on the 6:45 train on their honeymoon trip and will be away for about ten days.

The groom is one of the well known business men of the city and is connected with the Carolina Cotton Oil Company. The bride is a young lady of charming personality and has a wide circle of friends, who with those of the groom will extend best wishes to the young couple.

NEW PLAYGROUND APPARATUS

Forward Step Taken at Isaac Bear Memorial School—Donation of Mr. Samuel Bear.

Another forward step has been taken at the Isaac Bear Memorial School, which is already known as the model intermediate graded school of the State, this being the installation of modern playground apparatus which will afford the children of this institution pleasing recreation of a kind that they appreciate and enjoy. This is a gift from Mr. Samuel Bear, who has already done so much for the school. It is hoped that this may prove the inspiration for other public spirited citizens to come forward and furnish the means for equipping the other two graded schools of the city with similar apparatus.

In company with Mr. Bear and Supt. J. J. Blair, Prof. M. C. S. Noble, dean of the department of education at the University, visited the school yesterday and he was much impressed with the splendid work that is being done there, especially with its modern furnishings and the great interest manifested by the children. Prof. Noble was for 16 years superintendent of the city schools and he stated yesterday that he was more than gratified to note the splendid progress which had been made since he left the schools. He is firmly convenced that Supt. Blair is the right man in the right place.

Following is a description of the play ground apparatus which has just been installed at Bear Memorial school:

A tall cypress tree used as a sort of footlog, in a horizontal position about three feet from the ground, and named by the children "The Joy Log." This is probably the first piece of apparatus of this kind to be used in the south. It is inexpensive, can be used by any number of children at the same time, and is safe and takes up but little room.

Two giant strides with galvanized iron chains for six children. The chain attachment is ball bearing, and easy running.

Two sets of swings with galvanized chains and frame work of galvanized two inch piping set in cement.

Three sets of see-saws with patent metal attachment so arranged as to make them perfectly safe and easy of action.

Parallel bars for both boys and girls set in concrete and adapted to the ages of the children that use them.

An acting bar for the boys with adjustable standard and galvanized iron bars.

Two footballs, two indoor baseballs, with bats and canvas bas s.

This apparatus is installed around the edge of the field so that the central part of the playground is left as an open space for football, baseball, outdoor physical culture, etc.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. A. W. King, of Topsail, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

—Mr. H. E. Wade returned Sunday from a two weeks' visit to New York and Baltimore.

—Mr. Oscar H. Kennedy, an old Wilmington boy, but now a prominent citizen of Tunkhannock, Pa., is here to spend the holidays with relatives.

—Friends of Mr. Robert Denny will regret to learn that he had the misfortune to sprain his ankle last evening when he slipped on the back steps at Peck & Holloway's store.

—Mr. William E. Mann, who since last October has been in charge of some construction work for the Sen ate River Cypress Lumber Co., at Ferguson, S. C., has returned home for nolidays.

POSTOFFICE PARK PLANS.

Work Will Begin on Improvements After the Holidays.

At a meeting of the Tree and Park Commission several weeks ago a number of plans for the improvement of the postoffice park were submitted. After considering the matter carefully the plan that was considered the best and most suitable was accepted. This has also been presented to the mayor and the city council and has met with their approval.

A number of designs and sketches were submitted to the Tree and Park Commission, but the most acceptable to all was that furnished by the Horticultural Company, of Worcester, Mass. It is thought that the plat will be entirely ornamental, and at the same time permit of practical use on the part of the city of this open plaza. The city engineer approves the plan and it is expected that he will proceed with the laying out of the ground, constructing the walks, ets., immediately after the holidays. The planting of hedges, ornamental shrubbery, trees, etc., will then follow as rapidly as possible.

Further detail information together with a plan of the design will be furnished later.

—License was issued yesterday for the marriage of Mr. Henry Bright Glassensing and Miss Emma Walker. Both are of Delgado.

Royal Quality

It is the high quality of Royal Baking Powder that has established its great and world-wide reputation.

Every housewife knows she can rely upon it; that it makes the bread and biscuit more delicious and wholesome—always the finest that can be baked.

Never experiment with so important an article as the human food

It is economy and every way preferable to use the Royal, whose work is always certain, never experimental.

There are many imitation baking powders, made from cheap ingredients. They may cost little per pound, but their use may be at the cost of health.

DINNER TO SEAMEN.

By Floating C. E. Society at St. Andrews Christmas Evening.

The Floating Christnan Endeavor Society of Wilmington, supported by the Seamen's Friend Society will give a dinner to seamen Christmas night at 7:30 o'clock in the Memorial Hall of St. Andrews' Presbyterian church. Every sailor in port, officer and man, whether he belongs in Wilmington or has come in on any trading vessel, is cordially invited to attend.

The management is in the hands of Mr. T. C. Findley, who is the State representative of Floating Endeavor. He is assisted by his society and several outside people. There will be a literary and musical programme, bright and interesting, for the pleasure of the guest. Many comfort bags for the sailors have been made by friends in the city, and by members of Christian Endeavor societies in different parts of the State, the societies of Greensboro having sent the largest number. The dinner will be abundant and with excellent variety, suited to every taste and sufficient for every appetite.

A similar dinner was given the sailors last Christmas, and was attended by over 100 seamen, and was a great success in every way. Mr. Findley, wishes his personal invitation added, that every sailor in port attend the dinner.

ELECTION AT Y. M. C. A.

Number of Directors to be Named—Other Officers Later.

The annual election for the purpose of choosing directors for the Young Men's Christmas Association will take place today, there being five members of the board of directors whose terms expire this year. They are Messrs. L. B. McKoy, D. H. Howes, Jr., L. D. Latta, J. W. Yates and Jno R Murchison. All of them eligible for re-election.

Only active members of the Association are entitled to vote in the election. There will be no meeting held for the purpose of the election, but the members may indicate their choice by handing in to the secretary sealed envelopes, marked "Nominations for Board of Directors."

Within the next two weeks a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Y. M. C. A. will be held for the purpose of electing from its own members a president, a vice president, recording secretary and a treasurer of the Association. The date for the meeting will be announced later.

Interesting Auto Drive.

Mr. E. W. Godwin, of Point Caswell, accompanied by a representative of the Pickard-Bleeker Auto Co., sales agents of this city, arrived yesterday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock from an interesting automobile trip from Charlotte, N. C., where the Pickard-Bleeker representative delivered to Mr. Godwin the third Buick car which he has owned in the last several years, the two then driving the car, a handsome 36, overland to Wilmington. Mr. Godwin was delighted with his purchase and its splendid performance on the tour, leaving last night for his home at Point Caswell.

Memorial Window Dedicated.

At St. Paul's Lutheran church Sunday morning a beautiful art window, given by the children of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dreher as a memorial to their father and mother, was dedicated. The window is a replica of Hoffmann's beautiful painting "Christ Blessing the Children," and in his sermon Rev. F. B. Clausen used the picture as an illustration of Christ's great love for the child. His sermon was a strong and impressive one. A large congregation attended the service.

The results of the Dominican election throw considerable light on why they still have dictators down that way.

DIED.

CRONLY—At the family home, on South Third street, Sunday evening, December 21st, 1913, SALLY TAYLOR, daughter of the late Michael and Margaret Cronly.

Funeral from the home this (Tuesday) morning, December 23rd, at 11:30 o'clock. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

(advertisement.)

..Theatrical..

The Academy of Music is preparing to furnish the amusement public with an elaborate vaudevile bill on Christmas Day, matinee and night, and for the rest of the present week thereafter.

It is going to be a high class, refined vaudeville jubilee, the acts to be presente being the equal of any that comes to Southern cities, so the Academy management claims. In addition to five star acts of vaudeville two reels of feature moving pictures will be given and a full orchestra will play. This should indeed furnish delightful vaudeville for the people of Wilmington and as a Christmas Day attraction will be a most festive one.

Included in the vaudeville will be Les Chemroys, European entertainers, who will play their first Southern engagement in Wilmington; Hunter and Reeves, singing and talking comedy duo; Ethel Green, one of the best known of all soubrettes; McNamree, novelty entertainer, telling a story in clay; and Leavitt and Lawler, a sketch team that will be seen in a merry melange that will strike every fancy.

From this list it can be seen that a big and delightful vaudeville bill can be expected, while the full orchestral accompaniment will add much attractiveness to the show. The prices will be of the popular type—10, 20 and 30 cents. The special matinee Christmas afternoon will be a big feature.

Christmas at the Grand.

The cozy, handsome Grand has joined the Christmas procession and, as usual, is found in the very front ranks. Every day is marked by the presentation of big feature films. It will be so today, while tomorrow the famed actor, James O'Neill, will be seen in his world-wide performance of "Monte Cristo," this production being a mammoth one in five big reels, while for Christmas the Grand has a most festive and elaborate offering that will allow no Wilmington amusement-lover's Christmas celebration to be complete without it.

Today's show which will grip the heart and will fill the being with sweetness. The latest Vitagraph is also on today in "An Elopement at Home," being one of the swellest of all comedy dramas. A cast of well known Vitagraph folks will appear. Then for fun there will be two films on today that will tickle every rib, "A Cure for Suffragettes" is a burlesque on the present militant movement in England, lead by Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst and its a scream for laughter, while the Biograph's "He's a Lawyer" is another one that will cause yells of laughter. Pathe's latest Weekly is also on today.

Christmas Spirit at Bijou.

The Christmas spirit is holding high and mighty revelry at the popular Bijou and the Christmas crowds are pamming that swell theatre. The Bijou has prepared at big expense a royal feast for the entire holiday week and yet will not raise the price of admission one penny. Today's bill, which will be a big one, tomorrow's which will be just as large and the show Christmas Day, which is going to be a hummer, will be served up in faultless manner for the same old tiny price of admission—5 cents. Feature films are a matter of every day occurrence at this theatre.

Five reels of films are on today headed by the wonderful Nestor feature, "Beyond the Law." It is a western tale, with a grip and a punch.

There is another top-liner in "Black Sheep," which is a Broncho feature. The Broncho films are the equal of the Warner features, and the Bijou holds a contract for the exclusive use of both in Wilmington. Today's Broncho is in two large reels and the story is that of a young man, who is driven from home because of his drinking habits. His adventures and his redemption are not only of much heart interest, but are thrilling.

Giving superb variety there will be a Reliance comedy on today in "Two Men and a Mule." It's very title is suggestive of fun, and fun does rip forth from start to finish. There's an enter cerking good laugh film in "The Landlady Rents the Room." It is a merry ha, ha every second that the big reel is running.

"Oh how lovely" will be her verdict if you give her a box of Plummer's delicious candies. Huyler's, Nunally's, and other "high-brow" brands, attractively assorted and packed for the holidays. advertisement.

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"Beyond the Law."
"The Landlady Rents the Room"—Comic.
"Two Men and a Mule"—Comic.

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Financial and Commercial

BIG SLUMP IN COTTON WHEAT AND CORN DOWN STOCKS RESPOND TO NEWS

Another Big Break on Market Yesterday Carried Prices Lowest for the Season.

New York, Dec. 22.—Another big break in the cotton market today carried January contracts off to 11.74, or $7.30 per bale under the recent high level, and $10.50 per bale below the high records of the season. This reflected a renewal of heavy general liquidation inspired by Saturday's big ginning figures and while there was active realizing by old shorts or recent sellers, last prices were within a point or two of the lowest, with the close steady, at a net loss of 8 to 20 points, generally 16 to 20 points net lower.

Liverpool just about met the local decline of Saturday, and the market here opened easy, at 4 to 10 points down, under over-Sunday selling orders. There was a good demand during early trading. In addition to covering or profit-taking there was active buying by houses with Liverpool connections, who were supposed to be undering straddles. The gossip was that these straddles had been put out when New York was selling about 80 points under Liverpool, and that the buying here this morning represented realizing at a difference around 115 points.

In addition to these two sources of support was some scattering demand from trade sources, and after early irregularity the market rallied to about the closing figures of Saturday. It was noted, however, that the buying slackened as soon as the close of Liverpool shut out arbitrage business, and the market then weakened under heavy liquidation, accompanied by rumors that large local and Southern long lines were being sold out. Covering caused occasional slight bulges, which met increased offerings, and the market reached the low level of the day in the late trading when active months sold 18 to 21 points net lower.

It was rumored after the close that the liquidation of some of the larger long lines had been completed during the day's trading, while there appeared to be more or less dispute as to whether the Southern selling had been all in the way of long liquidation or partly against spot supplies held in the interior. Practically all the private news from the South claimed that interior holdings were relatively firm in their views, and were not meeting the decline in futures.

Spot cotton, quiet. Middling uplands, 12.50; do. gulf, 12.75; no sales.

Cotton futures:

Month:	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Dec	12.15	12.18	12.01	12.03
Jan	11.85	11.92	11.74	11.78
Feb	.....	.....	.....	11.82
Mar	12.12	12.19	11.99	12.02
Apr	.....	.....	.....	12.01
May	12.10	12.17	11.98	12.01
June	.....	.....	.....	12.01
July	12.10	12.17	11.99	12.02
Aug	11.90	11.90	11.90	11.81
Sept	.....	.....	.....	11.54
Oct	11.40	11.48	11.40	11.41

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Quiet, 12⅝; net receipts, 13,117; gross receipts, 13,117; sales, 2,017; stock, 203,993; continent, 25,369; coastwise, 7,251.

New Orleans—Quiet, 12⅝; net receipts, 10,583; gross receipts, 10,583; sales, 2,266; stock, 250,411; Great Britain, 20,000.

Mobile—Nominal, 12 5-16; net receipts, 3,594; gross receipts, 3,594; stock, 58,854; coastwise, 158.

Savannah—Quiet, 12⅝; net receipts, 9,170; gross receipts, 9,170; sales, 1,139; stock 152,441; continent, 458; coastwise, 2,330.

Charleston—Quiet, 12⅜; net receipts, 1,658; gross receipts, 1,658; stock, 68,843; coastwise, 1,367.

Wilmington—Nominal; net receipts, 2,466; gross receipts, 2,466; stock, 36,970; coastwise, 1,150.

Norfolk—Steady, 12¼; net receipts, 5,279; gross receipts, 5,279; sales, 1,556; stock, 60,457; constwise, 5,072.

Baltimore—Nominal, 12½; stock, 6,002.

New York—Quiet, 12.50; net receipts, 50; gross receipts, 9,611; sales, 4,500; stock, 69,694; Great Britain, 3,145; continent, 250; coastwise, 4,547.

Boston—Quiet, 12.50; net receipts, 1; gross receipts, 1,247; stock, 13,503.

Philadelphia—Quiet, 12.75; stock, 3,286; Great Britain, 900.

Texas City—Net receipts, 5,107; gross receipts, 5,107; stock, 29,112; Mexico, 134.

Brunswick—Stock, 20,853.

Jacksonville—Stock, 2,645.

Aransas Pass—Stock, 2,279.

Total today, at all ports—Net, 51,024; Great Britain, 24,045; continent, 26,077; Mexico, 134; stock, 988,433.

Consolidated, at all ports—Net, 118,644; Great Britain, 34,492; France, 8,500; continent, 78,148; Japan, 9,831; Mexico, 134.

Total since Sept. 1, at all ports—Net, 6,416,764; Great Britain, 1,727,448; France, 728,310; continent, 2,168,116; Japan, 191,659; Mexico, 19,034.

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INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Quiet, 12⅝; net receipts, 23,510; gross receipts, 23,510; shipments, 22,203; sales, 2,916; stock, 172,102.

Augusta—Steady, 12¼; net receipts, 1,968; gross receipts, 2,120; shipments, 955; sales, 1,256; stock, 88,278.

Memphis—Quiet, 13¼; net receipts, 6,171; gross receipts, 10,107; shipments, 10,821; sales, 1,350; stock, 235,756.

St. Louis—Dull, 13.00; net receipts, 378; gross receipts, 2,147; shipments, 2,450; sales, 15; stock, 24,855.

Cincinnati—Net receipts, 1,354; gross receipts, 1,354; shipments, 768; gross receipts, 19,040.

Little Rock—Quiet, 12⅝; net receipts, 1,940; gross receipts, 1,940; shipments, 1,424; stock, 35,533.

Total today—Net receipts, 35,261; gross receipts, 41,178; shipments, 38,621; sales, 5,537; stock, 612,504.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

New York, Dec. 22.—Wheat—Easy. No. 2, red, 99@1.00½; No. 1, Northern Duluth, 98⅝.

Corn—Easy, 73⅝.

Flour—Dull.

Hides—Steady. Bogota, 29½@30½.

Leather—Firm. Hemlock, firsts, 29@30; seconds, 28@29.

Petroleum—Steady. Refined, New York, bulk, 5.25; barrels, 8.75; cases, 11.25.

Wool—Steady. Domestic fleece XX Ohio, 25@28.

Rosin—Quiet; strained, common to good, 4.00@4.10.

Turpentine — Quiet. Machine barrels, 45⅝.

Rice—Easy. Prime to choice, 3⅝ to 6; Patna, 5¼@5½.

Molasses—Firm. New Orleans, open kettle, 35@55.

Butter—Firm. Creamery extras, 36@37; firsts, 28@34; seconds, 24@27; held extras, 32@33; firsts, 27½@31; seconds, 23½@26½.

Cheese—Firm; State whole milk, held, colored, specials, 16¾; white, 16¾@17; average fancy, 16¼@16½.

Sugar—Raw, unsettled; Muscovado, 2.70@2.73; centrifugal, 3.30@3.23; molasses, 2.45@2.48; refined easy; cut loaf, 5.20; crushed, 5.20; mould A, 4.85; cubes, XXXX powdered, 4.30; powdered, 4.25; fine granulated, 4.15; Diamond A, 4.15; confectioners' A, 4.05; No. 1, 4.05.

Coffee—Spot, quiet. Rio, No. 7, 9½; Santos, No. 4, 12½; mild, dull; Cordova, 13@16¼, nominal.

Potatoes—Steady. Virginia, late crop, 1.87@2.00; Southern sweets, late, 1.25.

Cabbages—Steady.

Freights—Quiet.

Peanuts—Steady. Fancy hand picked, Virginia, 5¼; Virginia, shelled, No. 1 and No. 2, 3¾@4¼.

Cotton Seed Oil — Active today, with prices lower, under hedge pressure from refiners, easier crude markets, liquidation induced by prospective big deliveries on January contracts and continued dullness in consuming demand. Fine 1 prices were 4 to 10 net lower. Sales, 24,000 barrels. Prime crude, 5.40 sales; prime Summer yellow, 6.60@6.75; December, 6.60; January, 6.60; February, 6.74; March, 6.95; April, 7.04; May, 7.15; June, 7.20; July, 7.25.

Prime Winter yellow, 7.25@7.50; prime Summer white, 7.10@7.50.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 22.—Cotton goods markets were easier today in gray goods lines. Trading was light and confined largely to well-defined wants and nearby shipments. Jobbers reported a fair trade for the period. In dress goods, staples are being ordered very moderately. Raw silk is steady and unchanged.

Huge Receipts of Corn at Chicago Pulled Prices of All Grains Down Yesterday.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Huge receipts of corn here today pulled down prices for all grain. Net declines were as follows:

Corn, ⅛@¼ to ½@⅝.

Wheat, ¼ to ¼@¾, and oats, ⅛ to ¼. In provisions, the outcome was unchanged to an advance of 7½@10c.

Futures closed:

Wheat—May, 91; July, 87⅝.

Corn—December, 69; May, 69¼.

Oats—May, 41⅝; July, 40⅞.

Pork—January, 20.55; May, 20.82½.

Lard—January, 10.65; May, 10.97½.

Ribs—January, 10.77½; May, 11.07½.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2, red, 95@96; No. 2, hard, 88¾@89½; No. 2, Northern, 89¾@90¼; No. 2, Spring, 89@90.

Corn—New, No. 2, 62½@62¾; No. 2, yellow, 69¾@70.

Oats—No. 2, 40¼; No. 2, white, 41; standard, 40¾@41.

MARINE.

Arrived.

Str. Cherokee, Devereaux, New York, C. J. Becker, agent (arrived 21st).

Barge Mattie L. Johnson, 574 tons, Johnson, Chisholm Island, S. C. (arrived 21st), Mafflitt & Wood.

Str. Urna (Swedish), 1,625 tons, Sandberg, Nortenham via Norfolk, Heide & Co.

Str. Joachim Zelch, 1,311 tons, Wels, Hamburg, Heide & Co.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Urna (Swedish), 1,625 tons, Sandberg, Heide & Co.

Str. Joachim Zelch, 1,311 tons, Wels, Heide & Co.

Str. Lingfield (Br.), 2,914 tons, Hunt; Heide & Co.

Str. Gascony (Br.), 1,942 tons, Taylor; Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Str. Kylestrome (Br.), 2,105 tons, Muir, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Schooners.

Schr. Joel Cook, 319 tons, Ray, Mafflitt & Wood.

Schr. Benjamin F. Poole, 1,099 tons, Mafflitt & Wood.

Schr. Louis F., 237 tons, Albury, Mafflitt & Wood.

Schr. Blanche H. King, 1,021 tons, Williams; Mafflitt & Wood.

Barges.

Barge Mattie L. Johnson, 574 tons, Johnson, Mafflitt & Wood.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 22.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE — Steady, at 41 cents per gallon.

ROSIN—Steady, $3.45.

TAR — Firm, at $2.50 per barrel; in casks, 11c. per gallon.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Firm, $2.00 per barrel for hard; $3.00 per barrel for dip, and $3.00 per barrel for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 38c.; rosin, $5.75; tar, $2.20; crude turpentine, firm, at $3.25@$4.25 to $4.25.

Receipts.

Spirits Turpentine	10
Rosin	14
Tar	13
Crude Turpentine	15

Receipts same day last year — Spirits turpentine, 19 casks; rosin, 7 barrels; tar, 61 barrels; crude turpentine, 14 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Spot, nominal for middling. Same day last year, nominal.

Receipts, 4,438. Same day last year, 1,972 bales.

Total receipts, since Sept. 1, 318,598 bales.

Total receipts same time last year, 266,336 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 20.)

CORN—$1.90 to $1.95 per sack.

POTATOES—Irish potatoes, new crop, $1.00 per bu. Sweet potatoes, new, 60 to 70c. Very dull.

PEAS—White, $2.50 per bushel; good demand.

BEEF—Native, dressed, very dull, 6 to 8c.

PORK—Small, 9@11c.

WOOL—Burry, 11 to 12c. per lb.; free 17c. per lb.

HIDES—Green salt, 12c.; dry flints, 14@16c. per lb.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON—Old hams, 25c. per lb.; sides and shoulders, 16c. per lb.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per lb.

TALLOW—Firm, 4½@5c. per lb.

POULTRY — Chickens, good demand. Grown, 40 to 45c.; Spring chickens, 15@35c. per head.

EGGS—30c. per doz.; good demand.

TURKEYS—Live, on foot, 18c per lb.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at the Port.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 22.

Atlantic Coast Line—1,522 bales cotton; 10 casks spirits turpentine; 14 barrels rosin; 13 barrels tar.

Seaboard Air Line—864 bales cotton.

Clyde Line—244 bales cotton.

River—36 bales cotton.

Schr. Annie B.—15 barrels crude turpentine.

Total—2,406 bales cotton; 10 casks spirits turpentine; 14 barrels rosin; 13 barrels tar; 15 barrels crude turpentine.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 20.

Market—Weaker on Virginias. Stronger on Spanish and North Carolinas.

North Carolinas—No. 1, Machine-Picked, 1.05.

Spanish—No1, Machine-Picked, 1.15.

Virginias—No. 1, Machine-Picked, 66c.

YEGGMEN IN EAST CAROLINA.

Numerous Stores and Express Offices Recently Robbed.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Tarboro, N. C., Dec. 22.—With the robbing of numerous stores and express offices in this section, the police authorities are of the opinion that a gang of yeggmen are working throughout Eastern North Carolina. The largest haul made so far was that at Elm City early Saturday morning when more than $500 worth of suits, shoes and overcoats were taken from the large mercantile store of Geo. E. Barnes.

The previous night the express office at Parmele was broken into and whiskey stolen. Saturday night the office of the Tar River Oil Co., of this place was rifled but no money was taken, the thieves evidently leaving in haste before tampering with the safe. Stores at Stantonsburg and other nearby places were raided before the robbery at Elm City and altogether the robbers have secured during the past week about $1,000 worth of merchandise.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Thirty big league players have been signed for the Federal League and a well known major leaguer is to manage the Chicago Federals according to statements made here today by James A. Gilmore, the league president. He said details soon would be given out.

If it came from Plummer's she'll know it's the best you could get in town. Huyler's and Nunally's specially selected Christmas chocolates and bon bons in all size and style packages. (advertisement.)

Christmas slippers, all kinds, at Peterson & Rulfs. (advertisement.) de 19-21-23.

Prices Continue to Go Up in Market as a Result of the Currency Legislation.

New York, Dec. 22. — Further response was made by the stock market today to the news from Washington of the progress of currency legislation and the administration's attitude regarding enforcement of the anti-trust law. In respect to both these influences there were additional developments on which a favorable construction was placed. Changes made in the currency bill in conference, particularly the defeat of the provision for guarantee of bank deposits, were to the liking of Wall Street. From the White House came the news that the policy pursued in the case of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company would be followed with other corporations, and that certain of these corporations were ready to take the initiative in effecting reorganization.

During the forepart of the day the effects of these considerations were nullified by other influences. Extensive European selling here was effective in keeping down prices. London unloaded perhaps 30,000 shares here, and there was direct selling from Paris, Berlin and other points. The outlook at Berlin for a strained monetary market at the end of the year, was said to be responsible for heavy selling of Canadian Pacific for Berlin account, and the quotation was depressed over four points. Realizing sales and foreign offerings kept the market in check during the morning, with especial heaviness in a few stocks. Western Union made a new low price at 54⅜, and Missouri Pacific at 23¾, reached the lowest quotation for years.

After word came from Washington regarding the prospects for settlement out of court of differences between the government and various corporations there was quick bidding up of stocks of corporations, which have been under investigation. Southern Pacific, Reading, New Haven Can, and Smelting, rose strongly. Early losses were made up in most cases and at the close there were many substantial gains.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, $2,107,000. United States registered is advanced ¼ on call. Total stock sales, 487,200, including: American Tobacco, 9,500; A. C. L., 500; C. and O., 1,800; Lehigh Valley, 8,700; L. and N., 100; N. and W., 2,500; Reading, 88,100; S. A. L., pfd., 300; Southern Pacific, 34,000; Southern Railway, 1,200; do., pfd., 200; Tennessee Copper, 700; Union Pacific, 55,400; U. S. Steel, 80,200; Y.-C. C., 500.

CLOSING STOCK LIST.

Amalgamated Copper	71⅛
American Agricultural	43
American Beet Sugar	23½
American Can	30⅝
American Can, pfd	89½
American Car and Foundry	44½
American Cotton Oil	37
American Ice Securities	23⅜
American Linseed	10¼
American Locomotive	29⅜
Amer. Smelting and Ref	63⅝
Amer. Smelting and Ref., pfd	98
American Sugar Ref	108½
American Tel and Tel	123
American Tobacco	245
Anaconda Mining Co	34⅝
Atchison	94⅛
Atchison, pfd	98½
Atlantic Coast Line	117
Baltimore and Ohio	93
Bethlehem Steel	30½
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	87⅝
Canadian Pacific	215⅜
Central Leather	26⅝
Chesapeake and Ohio	58⅜
Chicago Great Western	11
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	100⅜
Chicago and North Western	125½
Colorado Fuel and Iron	28½
Consolidated Gas	129½
Corn Products	9⅝
Delaware and Hudson	150½
Denver and Rio Grande	17½
Denver and Rio Grande, pfd	39⅞
Distillers' Securities	19
Erie	28⅝
Erie, 1st pfd	44⅞
Erie, 2nd pfd	35¾
General Electric	138½
Great Northern, pfd	126½
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	34
Illinois Central	106⅛
Interborough-Met	14⅞
Interborough-Met., pfd	60⅝
Inter-Harvester	103
Inter-Marine, pfd	13½
International Paper	8⅝
International Pump	5⅝
Kansas City Southern	24⅞
Laclede Gas	93
Lehigh Valley	153⅛
Louisville and Nashville	133⅜
Minn., St. P. and Sault Ste Marie	125
Missouri, Kansas and Texas	20¾
Missouri Pacific	34½
National Biscuit	121½
National Lead	44
Nat. Rys. of Mexico, 2nd pfd	10⅝
New York Central	93
New York, Ont. and Western	26½
Norfolk and Western	104¾
North American	68
Northern Pacific	109
Pacific Mail	23⅜
Pennsylvania	109¼
People's Gas	120⅝
Pittsburg, C. C. and St. Louis	82½
Pittsburg Coal	19
Pressed Steel Car	26
Pullman Palace Car	151
Reading	166¾
Republic Iron and Steel	20
Republic Iron and Steel, pfd	81⅛
Rock Island Co	14⅛
Rock Island Co., pfd	21½
St. Louis and San Fran., 2nd pfd	6⅝
Seaboard Air Line	17
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	45¼
Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron	26
Southern Pacific	86⅝
Southern Railway	22⅝
Southern Railway, pfd	76⅛
Tennessee Copper	30¼
Texas and Pacific	13½
Union Pacific	153½
Union Pacific, pfd	83½
United States Realty	53
United States Rubber	55⅛
United States Steel	59⅝
United States Steel, pfd	105½
Utah Copper	48⅞
Virginia-Carolina Chemical	28
Wabash	3
Wabash, pfd	8⅝
Western Maryland	34
Western Union	56⅛
Westinghouse Electric	64¼
Wheeling and Lake Erie	4
New Haven	72½
L. and M.	217
L. and M., pfd	110½
Lorillard	102
Lorillard, pfd	110

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 22.—Spot, quiet. Prices, easier. Middling fair, 7.48; good middling, 7.14; middling, 6.92; low middling, 6.68; good ordinary, 6.02; ordinary, 5.68.

Sales, 7,000, including 6,500 American, and 500 for speculation and export. Receipts, 32,0000, including 30,600 American.

Futures closed steady. December, 6.50½; December-January, 6.50½; January-February, 6.62; February-March, 6.64; March-6.64; March-April, 6.66; April-May, 6.65½; May-June, 6.65; June-July, 6.62½; July-August, 6.59½; August-September, 6.40; September-October, 6.30½; October-November, 6.21½; November-December, 6.17½; December-January, 6.16½; January-February, 6.16½.

NAVAL STORES.

New York, Dec. 22.—Turpentine—Quiet. Rosin—Quiet.

Savannah, Dec. 22.—Turpentine, firm, at 42½; sales, 502; receipts, 477; shipments, 82; stocks, 26,490.

Rosin—Firm. Sales, 2,474; receipts, 1,677; shipments, none; stocks, 125,350. Quote. A, B, C, D, 3.67; E, 3.67½ to 3.70; F, 3.60 to 3.70; G, 3.62½ to 3.70; H, 3.62½ to 3.75; I, 3.85 to 4.00; K, 4.55; M, 5.35; N, 6.35; W G, 6.75; W W, 7.00.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 2.—Call money, firm, at 3@3½; ruling rate, 3½; closing bid, 3⅜. Time loans, weaker; sixty days, 5@5¼; ninety days, 5; six months, 4⅝@5. Prime mercantile paper, 5¾@6 per cent. Sterling exchange, steady; sixty days, 4.8115; demand, 4.8530. Commercial bills, 4.80½. Bar silver, 57c. Mexican dollars, 44⅝.

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THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.
December 23, 1913.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. Yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 48 degrees; at 8 P. M., 52 degrees; maximum, 58 degrees; minimum, 46 degrees; mean, 52 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall for the month to date, 1.75.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river, at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., yesterday, 4.8 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Cloudy Tuesday; colder in southeast portion. Wednesday, fair; moderate west winds.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 23.

Sun rises	7:15 A. M.
Sun sets	5:08 P. M.
Day's length	9 hrs. 53 min.

Tides.

	High water. A.M.	High water. P.M.	Low water. A.M.	Low water. P.M.
Wilmington	6:31	6:30	12:50	1:30
Southport	3:51	4:13	10:26	10:30
Masonboro Inlet	3:30	4:02	10:06	10:10

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.
December 22, 1913.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest today.	Temperature: Lowest Last Night.	Precipitation, 8 P. M.
Abilene	clear	40	28	.02
Asheville	cloudy	46	28	.0
Atlanta	cloudy	48	40	.0
Atlanta	cloudy	48	40	.0
Augusta	raining	58	42	.08
Birmingham	raining	56	36	.22
Boston	cloudy	48	42	.0
Charleston	raining	58	50	.0
Charlotte	cloudy	52	38	.0
Chicago	pt cldy	36	28	.0
Galveston	clear	54	52	.04
Jacksonville	raining	64	58	.04
Memphis	cloudy	48	38	.44
Mobile	clear	62	48	.48
Montgomery	cloudy	58	42	.01
New Orleans	cloudy	66	52	.16
New York	clear	42	40	.06
Oklahoma	cloudy	50	28	.38
Palestine	pt cldy	44	28	.28
Pittsburg	clear	40	36	.14
Raleigh	clear	52	38	.0
Savannah	cloudy	58	52	.02
Shreveport	cloudy	44	38	.34
St. Louis	cloudy	38	28	.0
Washington	clear	44	38	.0

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 18th, 1913.—Spanish—Farmers' Spanish, firm, at $1.20 per bushel.

Virginias—Fancy Jumbo, 3¾c to 4c per lb. Fancy Handpicked, 3½@3¾ per lb. Extra Prime, 3¼c per lb. Prime, 3c. per lb. Shelling Stock, 2c to 2¾c per lb.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE United States, for the Eastern District of North Carolina—In Bankruptcy.

In the matter of W. F. Townsend, Graham Powers, Stephen Hedgpeth and Edward McCormick, copartners, trading as Saint Paul's Mercantile Company, of Saint Paul, Robeson County, Bankrupts — In Bankruptcy.

To the creditors of W. F. Townsend, Graham Powers, Stephen Hedgpeth and Edward McCormick, co-partners, trading as Saint Paul's Mercantile Company, of Saint Paul, in the County of Robeson and District aforesaid, bankrupts:

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of December, A. D. 1913, the said W. F. Townsend, Graham Powers, Stephen Hedgpeth and Edward McCormick, copartners, trading as Saint Paul's Mercantile Company, of the town of Saint Paul, Robeson County, were duly adjudicated bankrupts; and that the first meeting of their creditors will be held at Lumberton, in Robeson County, N. C., on the 2nd day of January, A. D., 1914, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupts and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

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Referee in Bankruptcy.
December 22nd, 1913. de23-1t

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tal rates give us the first rank in lowness of charges, this company ranks but 14th among 16 countries with its local charges, and we are one of three countries where the charge per local call exceeds the letter postage rate; the other 13 countries giving a much lower charge per phone call than their letter rates.

"The subscribers' rates in American cities, compared with continental cities, are about three times as high. For example, New York, where 5,400 calls, about 15 per day, under a measured service tariff cost more than the four unlimited yearly rates of London, Paris, Berlin, and Stockholm together. For like services, Baltimore people pay more than the rates for London and Paris combined, and Washington pays as much as the five cities of Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Auckland, Tokyo and Copenhagen combined. In postal telephone countries the local toll tariffs tend to run about one-half the charge for a letter, while here it runs with the street car fare, and sometimes exceeds it, when it is three times the letter rate.

"While competition does not supply a remedy because it divides the service and necessitates the payment for two phones, yet it throws an interesting side light on the tendency of a private monopoly to jack up the rates. Thus of 60 of the great American cities, 24 averaging 342,486 in population, pay an average annual phone rate of $53 under competition; while the other 36 cities averaging but 188,629 in population, without competition, pay an average rate of $81. Since competition can only augment the total cost of operation it is apparent how private monopoly and high rates go hand in hand.

"Telephone development has reached its substantial limits in the United States under private capital with the extension of the service to the very profitable office and well-to-do home traffic. To extend it to the homes of the masses, as the public roads and postal service now are extended, the postal agency is necessary. If the telephone lines are postalized, both the telephone and telegraph business can be done over them, as in other countries, where a telegram and a conversation go over the same wire at the same time. It will be unnecessary to take over the telegraph lines here (capitalized at $240,000,000); as both kinds of communication can be handled on the telephone wires, which exceed the telegraph wires in mileage and geographical distribution.

"The telegraph lines would have to be substantially reconstructed to add a telephone business to them, while the addition of the telegraph instruments to the telephone wires may be accomplished at a negligible total cost. This circumstance shows the weakness of private monooply. Instead of duplicating the telegraph network with a separate toll and long distance system as the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., has done, the postal telegraph countries have made the one network serve for both functions by articulating the telegraphic with the telephone exchanges.

"The cost of acquiring the telephone networks is indicated as something less than $900,000,000, for which it is proposed to issue 3 per cent bonds, payable in 50 years. It is calculated that the postal system by superimposing the telegraph service on the telephone lines at half present telegraph rates may net some fifty millions annually from that traffic alone, which, with the present profits of the telephones, and after the deduction of interest on the bonds and depreciation, would supply the department with a large surplus for extensions and so forth.

"The telephone rates should be worked out experimentally by the Postoffice Department in a few years, with the assured prospect of ultimately securing telephone and telegraph rates, like our letter rates, as low as those abroad. That is, rates about half those now obtaining for the telegraph and local telephone services, and about one-fourth those charged for the long distance telephone conversation. Our other postal rates, including the highly profitable parcel post rates, have been made as low as in other countries, and the indications are that like results can be obtained for the wire service when postalized.

"The financing of the acquisition and the valuations of the properties would cover several years; and while the properties should be taken at one time with their personnel and systematized, the payment for them would have to await the final valuations by the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Treasury paying the owners 4 per cent interest quarterly during the interim. The financing would thus be decentralized into as many payments as there are distinct legal ownerships. It is not thought this financing would involve difficulties seriously greater than those of the Panama Canal. Switzerland has recently successfully financed the purchase of her railways, amounting to about $50 per capita, while the telephone acquisition here would be less than $10.

"The postal system with normal rates might easily double the Bell efficiency in number of calls per employe, and the independents do better it by nearly 50 per cent on account of their lower rates and consequent higher utilization of plant and personnel. With the number of calls thus doubled, the expense per call would be practically reduced one-half, and it may thus be seen what the postal motive could accomplish in rate reduction without substantial increase of expense. This illustrates the natural infirmities of private monopoly, which is without a motive to double the service even where expenses and profits will remain the same."

DEATHS AT EDGECOMBE.

Mrs. Louise Fountain and Lewis L. Pitt Dead.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Tarboro, N. C., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Louise Fountain, one of the most prominent daughters of Edgecombe, died this morning at her home at Leggetts, aged 65 years. Ten days ago she suffered a stroke of paralysis from which she never rallied. Mrs. Fountain was the widow of Mr. S. L. Fountain, and was widely known. She was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church, taking an active part in church work.

Surviving are six sons, Recorder Richard T. Fountain and W. R., of Rocky Mount; Arthur and Charles Leggetts Robert, Fountain; Benjamin at home; Mrs. T. Frank Savage, Tarboro; Mrs. J. T. Lawrence, Leggetts, and Miss Lula Fountain, at home. Miss Zylphia Eagles of Crisp, is a sister, and one brother also survives, Mr. O. Eagles, of Saratoga.

The funeral services will be held tomorrow morning at Olivet Presbyterian church, Leggetts, the services being conducted by Rev. J. E. Ballou, pastor of Howard Memorial church, Tarboro.

Lewis L. Pitt, a prominent young farmer of near Speed, died suddenly late Saturday night from an attack of appendicitis, aged 24 years. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Pitt, and a number of brothers and sisters. The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from the home of his parents.

CONFERENCE REPORT

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assailed by bankers and members of the Senate.

Representative Hayes, of California, minority member of the House conference committee, criticised the failure of the Senate and the conference to remove the provision which makes the government of the United States primarily responsible for the notes it proposes to issue to the regional reserve banks.

Carries Gold Brick.

Mr. Hayes also declared the bill defective in the provision extending credit on farm loans, maintaining that it was a "gold brick to the farmer" in that only a small percentage of the surplus of the small banks could be loaned to the farmers.

Representative Lenroot, of Wisconsin, Republican, announced that he would vote for the conference report because he believed it an improvement on both Senate and House bills. "Under this bill", he said, "the reserve in Wall Street can no longer be used in stock speculation, but must be used to meet the commercial needs of the country."

Representative Moore, of Pennsylvania, characterized the bill as a travesty upon the Democracy's so-called "popular rule" and a confession of dictation.

Representative Guernsey, of Maine, Republican, said he objected to the bill chiefly because the reserve board would be controlled by partisan interests. Representative Ragsdale, of South Carolina; Heflin, of Alabama, and A. Mitchell Palmer, of Pennsylvania, Democrats, supported the report in enthusiastic addresses.

Acted Too Hastily.

Announcing that he would vote for the conference report, Victor Murdock, Progressive leader in the House, insisted that the Democrats had acted too hastily and struck only a "half blow" at special interests.

"In the last eight months," said Mr. Murdock, "I have seen the mental attitude of Democratic leaders change from a desire to serve the public to an attitude of trying to avert National disaster. There is no panic in this country yet; but the special interests of the country, which are no mean enemy, have been spreading the poison of pessimism."

Representative Lindbergh, of Minnesota, Progressive, assailed the conference report on the ground that it eventually would increase rather than decrease the cost of living. The vital defect of the measure, he said, was that it did not give the Federal reserve board the right to fix rates of interest to be charged by brokers.

Representatives Kahn, of California, and Platt, of New York, Republicans, criticised the report, declaring it would prove a disappovement to the nation.

Much of the discussion concerned the elimination by the conferees of the Senate's scheme of guaranty of bank deposits, Representative Glass declared that the Senate provision would have defeated any real guaranty of bank deposits and intimated that further legislation on this might be undertaken. He said that such a guaranty of deposits ought to place the tax on the banks and not on the government.

Underwood Given Ovation.

Majority Leader Underwood, as the debate neared a conclusion, was given a great ovation when he arose to speak. He congratulated the House and Senate and the Banking and Currency committee "on accomplishing a result that many Congresses and many committees have attempted in 20 years and failed."

Mr. Underwood referred to the talk of a money trust and said that one of the great reforms under the bill is the taking of the reserves out of the reserve centers and scattering them through the regional reserve banks under governmental supervision.

Minority Leader Mann closed the debate for the Republicans, declaring that Democratic control of nine months' duration would "cast its malign influence over two great countries." "Mexico," he said, "lies prostrate, bleeding, and America lies prostrate, it men out of employment, and factories closed."

DELAYED A MONTH

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E. Eliott postmaster at Thornwall.

Pledge Support to Kitchin.

In a letter to Congressman Claud Kitchin, every member of the House from the State pledged their support in electing him chairman of the Ways and Means committee to succeed Oscar Underwood.

Praise From the President.

Secretary of the Senate James M. Baker has presented Senator Simmons with the first bound copy of the Underwood-Simmons tariff bill to come from the printers. The book is something that not only Senator Simmons, but the people of the entire State may well feel proud. In addition to the autobiographies of every Senator in Congress, the book contains a letter from President Wilson, written in his own hand-writing, in which the President takes occasion to again assure him of his high appreciation of the work of the Senior Senator in putting the tariff bill through the Senate. The letter in full reads: "My Dear Senator Simmons:

"I welcome this opportunity to express again my warm admiration for your leadership in the great fight for this bill and my deep sense of the service you have rendered the country. Ability, knowledge, tact and patience combined to accomplish a great thing.

"Cordially and faithfully yours,

"WOODROW WILSON."

P. R. A.

Today will see the close of the city graded schools for the Christmas holidays. The schools will reopen January 5th. Many of the teachers in the public schools here live elsewhere, and most of them will spend their christmas holiday with the loved ones at home. Many of them will leave this afternoon and tonight.

FIREWORKS ORDINANCE.

The attention of the public is called to the following ordinance adopted by city council:

"That section 189, of the Revised Ordinances, forbidding the firing and display of fireworks within the city limits, be, and the same is hereby suspended from effect and operation on December 24th and 25th, 1913, and January 1st. 1914.

"Provided, that the use, firing or display of firecrackers, rockets, torpedoes, Roman candles, pistols, canes, or other like appliances is expressly forbidden at any point west of Front street within the limits of the city.

"Provided further, That the use of firing or firecrackers over four inches in length, or the firing of any pistol using blank cartridges, or caps, or other explosive appliances containing chlorate of potash mixture, is hereby expressly forbidden within the city limits. Any violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall subject the offender to a fine of $10."

N. J. WILLIAMS,
Chief of Police.
(advertisement.)

MORE FINIALCIAL

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give sufficient time for unfounded alarm which has been created among the public, to subside and to prevent the crisis from becoming general."

Presidential Decree.

By Presidential decree this afternoon, every day, including today, until the end of the present year was made a legal holiday in order to check the run on banks here. The measure was promulgated particularly for the benefit of the Bank of London and Mexico, which earlier in the day had closed its doors.

As soon as the decree was issued the Bank of London and Mexico reopened, but refrained from paying deposits.

Provisional President Huerta says in the decree he deems such action necessary to protect the banks until public confidence is more nearly restored. By the decree the banks are absolved from meeting any obligation until January 2nd. It applies to all banking houses, whether a bank of issue or not.

With the exception of the Bank of London and Mexico and the Central Bank, none has yet taken advantage of the decree and business at the other institutions is being conducted as usual. Crowds gathered about the doors of these two banks, but there was no disorder. Both banks are being strongly guarded by police.

Bank is Solvent.

Bankers here generally agree in the opinion that the Bank of London and Mexico is solvent. The bank is believed to have excellent collateral. Its suspension today was not due to lack of assets, but to the scarcity of currency. Silver and gold have both long been scarce in the country and recently State bank bills have been refused except in the States where they were issued.

The Bank of London and Mexico has been embarrassed more than have other concerns because it has for a long time been accepting deposits while the others have been refusing them.

Does Not Represent Govt.

New York, Dec. 22.—According to New York bankers, the business of the Bank of London and Mexico is chiefly of a commercial character. It does not represent the Mexicon government in the matter of loans to any great extent. It is rated as the second largest institution of the republic, however, having, according to latest available report here, about $30,000,000 in deposits. Its capital according to this report was about $22,000,000 and its surplus and profit account $16,000,000.

Plays Waiting Game.

Juarez, Mex., Dec. 22.—A waiting attitude was assumed by Gen. Francisco Villa and his rebel troops today, to learn what action, if any, the Federal forces at Ojinaga, on the border, intend to take. As long as the bulk of the Federal army in the North remains at Ojinaga, more than 100 miles from striking distance of any of the rebel strongholds Gen. Villa said he was contented to let them remain there. While the Federals have been provisioning their commissary as if preparing to march into the interior, they are without any train or telegraphic communication south of the border. They have among them ten generals, or one for each 400 soldiers.

Gen. Villa at Chihuahua, began to turn his attention toward developments southward. The nearest Federals in that direction are at Torreon, about 200 miles south. As soon as he is sufficiently advised of conditions, Gen. Villa intends to send a large force toward Torreon. Skirmish between Federals and rebels at Gomez Palacio and Lerdo, near Torreon have taken place, but they were insignificant.

Continues Confiscations.

Exaction of money from persons who leave Chihuahua still continues, according to refugees. They said Gen. Villa required the money as tribute to the revolutionary cause and the money had to be paid or the refugees were not allowed to leave. Mrs. Pedro Prieto, wife of a merchant, said she had to pay $12,500 in gold, and Luis Sequerces and Pedro Torres, merchants, said they gave $5,000 each.

The home and property of Jacob E. Touche, a native of Turkey, valued at $500,000, was confiscated by Villa, and Touche paid $10,000 cash for the release of a sister.

JUDGE BOYD REFUSES TO APPOINT CHAS. A. WEBB.

Names J. M. Baley U. S. Marshal for Western District.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 22.—United States Judge James E. Boyd today appointed J. M. Baley United States marshal for the Western District of North Carolina to succeed W. E. Logan, who was Saturday dismissed from office by order of Attorney General McReynolds. Mr. Baley has been chief deputy marshal for several years.

Judge Boyd issued a statement in which he said he could not comply with the request of Senator Lee S. Overman and appoint Charles A. Webb, of Asheville, whose name has been sent to the Senate for marshal to succeed Logan, "for the reason it would express my approval of the action which had been taken in regard to Marshal Logan, and this I would not do, because I think Logan should have been permitted to serve out his term."

PRESIDENT A SONG BIRD.

Joins Princeton Alumni in Famous Old Song.

Washington, Dec. 22.—President Wilson stood in a box in a local theatr today, and with uplifted hand, joined in the chorus of "Old Nassau" the alma mater song at Princeton. It was at the conclusion of the performance of the Princeton University Triangle Club, when the entire audience rose and all alumni of the institution present united in the song.

The play a musical comedy, written by the students, was attended by Washington Society in general. Mrs. Marshall the wife of the vice president and the ladies of the cabinet, and supreme court circle occupied boxes as member of the diplomatic corps. A son and nephew of Mr. Justice Pitney of the United States Supreme Court took part in the performance. The students gave the President a locomotive cheer as he left the theatre. He was accompanied by his youngest daughter, Miss Eleanor Wilson.

Visits City After 32 Years.

"Capt. Jim" Dosher, of Southport, was in the city yesterday, this being his first visit in 32 years. For many years he was the keeper of the lighthouse at Bald Head but recently improvements were made which made a keeper unnecessary. During the time he was at the post of duty, Mr. Dosher never had time to get far away, but now that he has the opportunity to recreate he was glad to visit the metropolis of the eastern coast. Of course he noted many changes for the better and was greatly impressed with the great progress that has been made along all lines. Indeed he hardly knew it to be the same city so great had been the transformation.

Mother Seriously Ill.

Mr. E. Piner chief of the city sanitary police, received a telegram yesterday announcing the serious illness of his mother, Mrs. Rebecca Piner, at the old family home at Davis, N. C. She is 88 years of age, and is not expected to recover. Mr. Piner will leave on the early morning train, to be present at her bedside.

BUSINESS LOCALS

ORANGES, $1.15 per hundred; pears, 60c peck; extra fancy apples, 60c. peck; nuts, 15 and 20c.; sugar, 20 pounds, $1; country eggs, 31c. All sizes of chickens. 'Phone 1938. L. T. New. de23-1t

ALL CHILDREN calling at Bijou peanut stand will be given a free souvenir Christmas Eve. de23-1t*

POSITION WANTED—Young man with seven years' experience in hardware business, desires position January 1st. References guaranteed satisfactory. Address "D. H. C.," care Star office. de23-3t

LOST—A white crocheted afghan with ribbon bow, from baby carriage, on Third street, between Market and Ann, east side of street. Please return 407 South Third street. de23-1t

MECHANICS' HOME Association. Old and strong, opens new series Building and Loan stock, Jan. 3rd, 1914. Subscribe now. Walker Taylor, president; W. M. Cumming, secretary. de23-5t

MISTLETOE AND HOLLY ice cream for Christmas. Pure, sweet cream, 50c quart. Pure sweet milk, 10c. quart. A. G. Warren Ice Cream Co. 'Phone 485. de23-tf

LOST—Locket and chain (locket has an emblem on face), in front of house, No. 504 S. Third street, or from Third and Church to 110 Church. Reward if returned to J. S. Brittain. de23-1t

DRESSED AND ALIVE turkeys and chickens. Canned and fresh pork hams, country eggs, all pork sausage, very best leaf lard. Fancy creamery butter, one pound prints, 38c. Nice lettuce, celery, cranberries, spinach, cauliflower, grape fruit, oranges and pineapples. Visit us. We'll appreciate it. Palace Market, 'Phone 72. de23-tf

WE HAVE THE GOODS—We need part of your business. 'Phone us. We take great pleasure in serving you. All kinds of fresh meats, fruits, vegetables and fancy groceries. Palace Market, 108 So. Front street; 'phone 72. de23-1t

FERN DISHES prettily filled. Blooming hyacinths and narcissus in pots. Asparagus, maidenhair and other ferns, 25 to 50 cents. 'Phone 779-W. 416 So. Second street. de23-1t*

FOR RENT—Splendid 9-room house, 409 South Sixth street. All modern conveniences. Large yard, stable, garage. Rental $35. Possession at once. Apply at 322 So. Fifth street, or 'phone 1512-J. de23-2t*

FOR SALE—Four French poodle dogs, full-blooded, for sale cheap. Apply 301 Hanover street, or 'phone 1792-J. de23-1t*

LOST—On Front or Market streets, envelope bearing card of C. D. Foard, containing $7.60. Reward. L. L. Hanby, 29 S. Front street. de23-1t

IT IS MOST TIME you are exchanging your old machine for a new one. Let us figure with you. Remington Typewriter Co. de23-1t

WANTED—Position as stenographer and typewriter by a young man with experience. Address "M," care Star. de23,25,28-3t*

A NEW YEAR, so why not a typewriter? Remington Typewriter Co., No. 17 Princess street. de23-1t

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LOST—One white Boston bull dog; one eye and both ears dark. Reward, if returned to LeRoy Polvogt, 410 South Front street. de23-1t

NOTICE—If party who found diamond brooch last week will return same, a reward will be given and no questions asked. If not returned promptly, legal proceedings may be started, as finder's name is known. H. Mack Godwin, Special Officer. de23-3t

LOST—If the gentleman who by mistake took a package of books from our automobile will return them, a suitable reward will be paid, and no questions asked. Drs. D. W. and Ernest S. Gulluck. de23-1t

CHEAP LUMBER — We have for quick sale for cash 300,000 feet common dressed sheathing at $11.00 per thousand feet, delivered in quantities of 500 feet up, to any part of the city, Sunset Park, Carolina Heights or Winoca Terrace. Chadbourn Lumber Co.; 'Phone 677. de21-6t

FOR FLORAL DESIGNS for Christmas 'phone to Everglade Cafe, No. 150. All kinds of galax designs, with red immortelles; also fresh flowers. Prices ranging from 50c., 75c and $1.50 each. Delivered any part of city. Also book orders for cut flowers. J. D. Padgett. de21-2t*

THAT FAR-AWAY SON would appreciate the daily visits of his home paper during 1914 far more than any other Christmas gift—a daily reminder of home and loved ones. We'll send your card with the first issue Christmas morning. 'Phone 51. de21-2t

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SPECIAL—Florida oranges, $2.00 to $2.50 per box. Florida tangerines, $2 to $3 per box. Grape fruit, $2 to $4 per box. 'Phone 527-W. W. J. Kirkham Pro. Co., 23 So. Front street. de21-2t

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FOX RIVER BUTTER, 3 lbs. for $1.00. Monogram flour, 35c. bag; lard, 12 and 15 cents. E. F. Noe; 'Phone 1174-J. 609 Castle street. de17-tf

FIREWORKS—All kinds. 7th and Chestnut. C. R. Pape. de17-6t

FIREWORKS—Every kind, for everybody; 7th and Chestnut. C. R. Pape. de17-6t

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BUTTER—Fancy Elgin Creamery, 35c. lb.; 3 lbs. for $1.00. Fresh eggs, 35c. doz.; Crystal Domino sugar, confectioners' sugar, dates, citron, currants, raisins, nuts of all kinds; fruits. C. R. Pape; 'Phone 1038-J. de20-3t

WANTED — Second-hand upright piano of standard make, in good condition. State lowest cash price. Address "Piano," care Star. de20-6t

SOMETHING NEW — Rugs and art squares made from old carpets. Will be here for a short time. 'Phone 1619-J. S. A. Evans. de18-6t*

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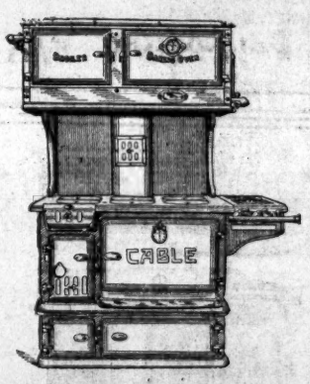

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